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In Case You Missed It - Recording of Panel Discussion on E/M Coding Reform

On July 12, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed historic changes that would increase the amount of time that doctors and other clinicians can spend with their patients by reducing the burden of paperwork that clinicians face when billing Medicare. We have held listening sessions all over the country and heard from thousands of providers and one thing they consistently brought up was how documentation was needlessly burdensome, wasn't improving patient care, and was actually having a negative impact on patient care. We listened and in response we proposed streamlining the documentation requirements for E&M visits, as well as moving to single payment rates.

[Watch CMS Administrator Seema Verma](#), CMS Chief Medical Officer and Director of CCSQ Kate Goodrich, Dr. Donald Rucker, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Dr. Anand Shah, CMMI Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Thomas A. Mason, ONC Chief Medical Officer discuss proposed E/M Coding changes.

New Tools and Resources

New Video Resources:

We're pleased to announce the availability of four new training videos on performance feedback and targeted review. Please share the links to these resources with those clinicians for whom you may be supporting. Additionally, all of the below videos can be found under the [Quality Payment Program 2017 Resource Library](#):

Video Details

1. [How to Request a Targeted Review](#) - demonstrates how MIPS eligible clinicians or groups can request a targeted review of their 2019 MIPS payment adjustment.
2. [How to Access Performance Feedback for APM Entities](#) - provides an overview of how to access 2017 MIPS performance feedback for Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entities.
3. [How to Access Performance Feedback for Individuals](#) - demonstrates how to access 2017 MIPS performance feedback for a clinician whose performance was scored separately from his or her group.
4. [How to Access Performance Feedback for Voluntary Submitters](#) - provides an overview of how to access 2017 performance feedback data for a clinician who voluntarily submitted data for 2017.

2019 MIPS Changes

See this flyer to learn more about the changes in MIPS for 2019.

[See flyer here](#)

How to Request a Targeted Review

Demonstrates how MIPS eligible clinicians or groups can request a targeted review of their 2019 MIPS payment adjustment.

[See video here](#)

Upcoming Events

2018 Wyoming Quality Health Care Conference

Information for our Wyoming practices:

From the Patient to the Payment, Keeping Quality First. Featured Topics

August 8 & 9, 2018

Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming

[Click here](#) to learn more!

How to Maximize Your EHR Use to Success in MIPS: Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices

Using your Electronic Health Records system to its fullest potential can help streamline your processes, maximize time and resources, and assist in achieving a better MIPS score. Solo practitioners and small group practices have limited time for mastering these systems but understanding how to effectively use them can make your practice more efficient and benefit your patients. This event will help everyone participating understand what your EHR can do for you and how to leverage it to maximize your MIPS score. This event will feature a panel of experts that understand MIPS and work regularly with clinicians and their EHRs. The panel will focus on practical advice for how to efficiently use your EHR to achieve the highest possible MIPS score.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

1:30 - 2:30 PM MDT | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM AKDT | 9:30 - 10:30 AM HST

[Register](#)

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 - 10:00 AM MDT | 7:00 - 8:00 AM AKDT | 5:00 - 6:00 AM HST

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MIPS Tips - Feedback Reports

CMS anticipates having the final MIPS scores and reports ready by the beginning of July. Join us for a discussion of the feedback reports and how to use them in refining your approach to 2018 MIPS.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

1:00 - 2:00 PM MDT | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AKDT | 9:00 - 10:00 AM HST

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Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Listening Session

Would you like to learn more about proposed changes in the Quality Payment Program or provide input into the changes being proposed for E & M codes? CMS is holding a listening session to hear from you!

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM MDT | 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM AKDT | 7:30 - 8:30 AM HST

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Reducing Inappropriate Antibiotic Prescribing in Outpatient Settings using Behavioral Interventions

Join us for an Antibiotic Stewardship National Learning & Action Network (LAN) Event, focusing on behavioral interventions for providers to reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescribing, while maintaining patient satisfaction with care. During this webinar, participants will hear from guest speaker Dr. Daniella Meeker about interventions designed to improve care decisions, without limiting the choices available to physicians.

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

1:00 - 2:30 PM MDT | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM AKDT | 9:00 - 10:30 AM HST

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Understanding Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMS): Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices

As many solo and small group practices advance in MIPS or consider other payment options, participation in an alternative payment model (APM) deserves consideration. Understanding how APMs and advanced APMs work and the pros and cons of APM participation can help with this decision. This event will provide free and objective information about what is required to participate in an advanced APM, the potential advantages of transitioning from MIPS to an APM, and how to know if your practice is ready. The event will feature a panel of experts that understand APMs, work regularly with clinicians and practices to help them succeed in MIPS, and that will provide you with practical advice on how to know if advanced APM participation will benefit your practice and patients.

9/11/2018

9:00 - 10:00 AM MDT | 7:00 - 8:00 AM AKDT | 5:00 - 6:00 AM HST

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9/13/2018

1:30 - 2:30 PM MDT | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM AKDT | 9:30 - 10:30 AM HST

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