Objectives

- Goals of the Quality Payment Program (QPP)
- Basics of QPP
- Support for QPP participants in Minnesota
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CMS Quality Strategy

- Better Care
- Healthier People, Healthier Communities
- Smarter Spending

Focus on higher quality of care at lower cost for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries
What Is the QPP?

MACRA Legislation

Quality Payment Program

Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

MIPS
- Quality
- Improvement Activities
- Advancing Care Information
- Cost

MIPS APMs
- Eligible Clinicians

Advanced APMs
- Qualified Participants

92-95% of providers

5-8% of providers

MIPS

Replaces Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

New Category

Replaces Meaningful Use (EHR Incentive Program)

Replaces Value Based Modifier (VBM)

Maximum MIPS Composite Score: 100

Quality Improvement Activities
Advancing Care Information
Cost

Source: CMS Quality Payment Program – Train-the-Trainer
Type of MIPS Eligible Clinicians

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*Physicians includes: Doctors of medicine, osteopathy, dental surgery, dental medicine, podiatric medicine, or optometry, and doctor of chiropractic

QPP Volume Thresholds for Clinicians and Groups

Eligible Clinicians or Groups must:

- Bill > $30,000 a year in Medicare Part B Fee-for-Service (FFS) AND
- Provide care > 100 Medicare Part B FFS beneficiaries in a year

- QPP NPI Lookup tool: https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup
MIPS Exemptions

Low Volume Threshold:
• Bill < $30,000 to Medicare Part B FFS OR
• Provide Care < 100 Medicare beneficiaries a year

Significantly Participating in an Advanced APM
• 25% of Medicare Payments paid through Advanced APM OR
• 20% of Medicare beneficiaries seen through Advanced APM

First year enrolled in Medicare

Non-patient facing clinician (< 100 face-to-face visits a year)

MIPS APMs

• Middle ground between doing all the MIPS reporting categories and being a full-fledged Advanced APM
• No downside risk for Medicare part B allowable charges
• Examples include Medicare Shared Savings Program Track 1 and Next Generation ACO
• Credit for Improvement Activities category, but still reporting Quality and Advancing Care Information
**Advanced APMs**

- Promotes quality over volume by moving away from traditional Medicare Part B Physician Fee Service
- No MIPS reporting requirement
- Various models that include upside and downside risk
- Medicare Shared Savings Program Track 2 and Track 3
- CMS open to other new and innovative models

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**MIPS Medicare Incentive Payments: 2015-2022**

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*Exceptional Performance incentive payment. $500M each year for six years (2019-2024).*

Source: Minnesota Medical Association
Stratis Health: Your Trusted Source for QPP Support

- Introductory and advanced education about QPP
- Individualized technical assistance, including assistance estimating a MIPS score
- Support for quality improvement through resources, data analysis, and best practices
- CMS program and resource updates
Resources

QPP Help Desk
QPPHelp@stratishealth.org

Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network
www.lsqin.org

Stratis Health
www.stratishealth.org

CMS QPP Website
www.qpp.cms.gov