

Key Takeaways

Workshop: Maximizing Your Potential Under MIPS



Being exempt may not be a great thing, and it is easy to participate in 2017.

If you are exempt, you will not receive the bonus and your reimbursement will be static. This program is also in the process of ramping up and those who do not participate early will find themselves behind. You can get up to 10 points - you get three just for reporting, and that means you avoid the 4% penalty.



Make a MIPS plan.

Pick quality measures you will do best on, understand what's required for HIT and pick your Improvement Activities. You also need to decide whether you will report as a group or individual, and how you will report. Report as a group if you are a cohesive bunch and don't want a lot of administrative burden; report individually if you want separate plans (e.g. select different quality measures) or if claims-based reporting is easier.

Quality Measures

Beware of topped out measures, where most clinics do well and there is little room for improvement. It is recommended to not include these in your reporting unless you are confident that you are in the "perfect" score. After the first year, you can only get 6 points for topped out measures.

Health Information Technology

This is worth 25%; as long as you do half of the items on the HIT list you can get a perfect score. Those who have already achieved Meaningful Use II will already achieve a perfect score.

Improvement Activities

There is almost no practice that is not doing enough of these to score perfectly on this domain - PCPCH recognition meeting the requirement for this category. Make sure to pick activities that you can accomplish. If possible pick improvement activities that also generate HIT bonus points.

Cost

There is no current requirement to report, but it is important to begin looking at your Quality and Resource Use Report (QRUR). Since everyone uses essentially the same fee schedule, improvements will have to be around volume. For Medicare, it is mainly about hospital admissions, but there are other opportunities around medication adherence and patient engagement.

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