MIPS Game Plan

A SHP Lunch ‘n’ Learn Series

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Performance Analytics

We offer real-time data dashboard backed by a team of analysts to deliver actionable information for better financial, operational, and population health management.

Provider Enrollment

Maintaining provider enrollment is an important and often time consuming process. We can get you enrolled and take the burden off your practice with ongoing enrollment maintenance.

Managed Care Contracting

Our contracting team has relationships with insurance companies and can help you negotiate the best fee schedules.

IPA & CIN Management

We manage four IPAs across the state of Georgia and provide consultation and management services for CINs nationwide.

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Overview	Quality	IA & Cost	PI	Game Plan

Speaker – Aaron Higgins

- Quality & Data Project Manager - SHP
- 10 years experience with Federal Quality programs, including Meaningful Use, PQRS, & MACRA/MIPS
- Joined SHP in the Spring 2019

Making Sense of It All

Recap

1. Merit-based Incentive Payment System

2. Four Categories
   1. Quality
   2. Cost
   3. Improvement Activities
   4. Promoting Interoperability

3. 2019 Category Mix

   Quality 45%, Cost 15%, IA 15%, & PI 25%

4. Proposed Rule late-July
   - 2019 Changes for PI

5. Changes Proposed for 2020+
   - Changes to measures and activities all categories
   - Changes to Category Mix, more emphasis on Cost
   - Changes to point thresholds

6. New Advanced APMs

Formulation of a Plan

1. **It Seems Overwhelming** – Don't paralyze yourself!

2. **Where to start** – Gather your team.
   - Committee Members, not just managers:
     - EHR Subject Matter Expert
     - Clinical Champion
     - Provider Champion
     - Support Staff Champion

Formulation of a Plan Cont.

3. **Discover** – What measures & activities *can* you do?

4. **Quality** – Pick Quality measures that make sense!
   - Make use of the Measure Specialty Sets
   - Pick at least 9 Quality measures if you can

5. **Activities –** Pick Activities you can do or are already doing.

6. **PI** – Something here for everyone.

Promoting Interoperability

1. **Exclusions** – Tempting, but it can cost you

2. **Portal** – Portal engagement is critical

3. **Registries** – Enroll in two or claim exemptions
   - Genesis Registry by ACP

4. **Health Information Exchange (HIE)** – Enroll in one, it will help

Cost

- Can it be ignored?
- How to get insight?
- Population Health
- What can my practice do?

Population Health Options

- Integrated Physician Association
- Clinically Integrated Network
- HIE-managed PH Tools

Report as a…

1. Individual
2. Group
3. Both
4. Virtual Group

Submission Methods Decisions

1. EHR*
2. Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDR)*
3. Qualified Registry*
4. CMS Web Interface (25 or more clinicians)
5. Medicare Claims
6. CAHPS for MIPS

*Likely eligible for the end-to-end submission method bonus

Making Progress

Progress Measurement

- Regular feedback needed
- Categories need different handling
  - Quality 1-2x a month
  - Cost 1-2x a quarter
  - PI – 1x a week
  - IA – as needed

Committee Meetings

- Schedule 6 meetings for the year:
  1. Early-Jan – review any issues with new/changed Quality measures
  2. March – review prior year's reports before submission
  3. May – check-in and review of PI and IA workflows
  4. July – Review performance across the board, even if PI & IA not "active"
  5. Sept – Review Proposed Rule, pick the next year's Measures & Activities
  6. Nov – Review Final Rule, adjust next year's plan as needed

Reporting Schedule

- Reporting window opens Q1
- Reporting windows closes typically late-Q1/early-Q2
- Preliminary score available within days
- Final score available Q3
- Targeted Review 60-days after score release

Resources & Help

QPP.CMS.GOV

- **Search for Measures –** measures are updated and revised whenever changes are announced
- **Check your status –** does CMS have the right info about you?
- **View Score Details –** drill into your details to learn more about your score in each category

Small/Rural Practice Resources

- Georgia-specific resource
  Alliant GMCF QPPSURS@alliantquality.org

- US-wide resource
  IMPAQ International QPPSURS@IMPAQINT.com

  https://qpp.cms.gov/about/small-underserved-rural-practices

IPAs & CINs

- Join an existing IPA or CIN
  - SHP can help you find one
  - SHP manages several IPAs & CINs in GA & IN

- Create a IPA or CIN
  - SHP can help create & manage yours
  - SHP has vetted tools and solutions for you

SHP MIPS Support

- Measure Analytics
  - dashboardMD
- Planning (remote & on-site)
- Ongoing Feedback
- Submission & Review Support

Got Questions?

Send us your MIPS questions:

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