

PAYMENT REFORM IS COMING APA IS HERE TO HELP.

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) changes the way psychiatrists and other physicians working with Medicare patients will be paid.

Some reporting requirements begin as early as **January 1, 2017**.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

To reimburse care based on **quality** and **value** rather than the number of services you provide.

WHAT IF I DON'T COMPLY?

Refusing to comply could result in **automatic penalties** and **missing out on possible incentives**.

HOW CAN I GET READY TO COMPLY?

You'll need to select a payment path. Rather than continuing a fee-for-service model of reimbursement, MACRA introduces two new payment paths - **MIPS** and **APMs**:

MIPS

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

MIPS combines portions of three preexisting quality programs: meaningful use (MU), the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and the Value-Based Payment Modifier (VBM). MIPS also adds a new category of Clinical Practice Improvement Activities.

Providers receive payment adjustments based on measures of **quality, resource use, advancing care information** (EHR use) and **clinical practice improvement**.

APMs

Alternative Payment Models*

APMs include Accountable Care Organizations, Bundled Payments and Medical Homes. Participating in an advanced APM can exempt you from MIPS, and can lead to more favorable financial incentives, including a potential 5% lump sum bonus payment.

**There is currently no APM specifically for behavioral health.*

Choosing an APM requires you to meet **quality, financial risk** and **payer/revenue mix** measurements.

HOW WILL THIS CHANGE MY PRACTICE?

An increased focus on quality will require you to track and manage patient information in a new way and coordinate care with other providers. See the reverse for how APA can help you prepare.

Learn more at
psychiatry.org/MACRA

APA HELP IS ON THE WAY

APA is developing a web-based toolkit, webinar series and other resources to help psychiatrists understand the new **MACRA Quality Payment Programs (MIPS & APMs)**, being finalized under the 2017 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule.

To break down these new policies, APA will post new and updated materials on our Payment Reform Resource Site - psychiatry.org/MACRA. PsychNews and other APA communications will alert you as new items become available.

Downloadable APA MACRA Toolkit Will Include:

- MACRA 101 Primer
- Decision Tree to Help Psychiatrists Choose Their Payment Pathway
- Checklist & Timelines to Get Ready for MIPS
- Detailed Information on MIPS Reporting Categories
- Advancing Care Information (ACI - EHR Use)
- Quality
- Clinical Practice Improvement Activities (CPIAs)
- Resource Use
- FAQs
- Special Considerations & Assistance for Multi-Site Practitioners and Small & Solo Practices
- Additional APA & Other Resources to Help You Prepare

APA Payment Reform Webinar Series

APA is also launching a Webinar Series to walk you through the nuts and bolts of these Medicare changes, how you can become a successful reporter, and use the data you're collecting to inform your clinical practice. The Webinar series can be viewed live and will be available later On-Demand on the APA Learning Center. Tentative dates are:

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| • Quality 101 Reporting | Pre-Recorded/Available Late Oct, 2016 |
| • Final Rule Overview | Nov 16, 2016 |
| • MIPS Quality Category | Nov 30, 2016 |
| • MIPS ACI Category | Dec 7, 2016 |
| • MIPS CPIA Category | Dec 14, 2016 |
| • APMs | Jan 18, 2017 |

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