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HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



Segment 1 of 3

**Holy MACRA! Overview
and 2017 Implementation**

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MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

- Quality Payment Program
 - Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
 - Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
 - Flexibility for Small Practices
 - Eligibility
 - Bill more than \$30,000 allowed Medicare charges
- AND**
- See more than 100 Medicare beneficiaries

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT OVERVIEW

| Performance Year | Payment Year | MIPS Payment | APM Payment |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2017 | 2019 | +/- 4% | + 5% |
| 2018 | 2020 | +/- 5% | + 5% |
| 2019 | 2021 | +/- 7% | + 5% |
| 2020 | 2022 | +/- 9% | + 5% |

FOR MIPS: Budget Neutrality Scaling of 3X could increase the positive payment adjustment range from 12% in 2019 to 27% in 2022

TRANSITIONAL YEAR - 2017

| Don't Participate | Test Pace | Partial Year | Full Year |
|--|--|--|--|
| No data submission from 2017 before March 31, 2018 | Submit minimal data after for 2017 | Report for 90-day period in 2017 | Submit full year data starting January 1, 2017 |
| | 1 quality or clinical improvement measure or required ACI measures | More than 1 quality or clinical improvement measure or more than required ACI measures | All required measures |
| Negative 4% adjustment | No negative adjustment | Neutral or small payment adjustment | Potential for full payment adjustment |

The payment adjustment will depend both on the amount of data is submitted and the performance results

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

- MACRA passed to replace SGR with strong bipartisan support
- Unrelated to ACA repeal
- Criticisms of implementation
- Likely here to stay with potential further delays

We've turned physicians into data entry clerks.

- HHS Secretary Thomas Price



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