MACRA and Vascular Surgeons

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Disclosures
None

CMS Quality Payment Program (QPP)

- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
- Streamlined 3 legacy reporting programs (PQRS, Value Modifier and meaningful use)
- Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
  - Advanced APMs
  - MIPS APMs

Type of Practice

- IRS Tax Identification number (TIN)
- Large multispecialty group single TIN
  - Likely determined by group
- Vascular surgery group practice
  - Individual or group TIN
- Virtual groups

Original QPP Timeline
(adjustments based on reporting 2 years prior)

MIPS components

- Quality Reporting (was PQRS)
- Cost (was Value-based Modifier)
- Advancing Care Information (was MU)
- Improvement Activities
MIPS component weights (when fully transitioned)

Component Weights

For 2018:
- Quality = 50%
- ACI = 15%
- IA = 15%
- Cost = 15%

Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

- Advanced APMs (A-APMs)
  - MIPS exempt
  - 5% bonus payment
  - 20% Medicare patients or 25% payments
- Next Generation ACO
- ESRD
- ACS Brandeis
- SVS task force
- MIPS APMs
  - Special scoring rules
  - Bonuses based on group performance

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC)

- Independent Agency
- Advise Congress on Medicare issues
- 17 member commission
- Public meetings and reports

MIPS Issues

- Significant burden on clinicians
  - Estimated $1 billion reporting burden in 2017
- Extremely complex
  - Exemptions (~800,000 clinicians exempt)
  - Special scoring and rules
  - Multiple reporting options (registry, web interface, EHR)
  - Score dependent on reporting method
  - Quality measure choices makes comparison inequitable

MedPAC Recommendations

- Eliminate MIPS reporting
  - Quality measures
  - Advancing Care information
  - Improvement Activities
- Create new voluntary value program (VVP)
  - 2% payments withheld
  - Join A-APM (receive withhold)
  - Elect measurement with larger entity population based measures (claims/surveys)
  - No election (lose withhold)

Interim Recommendations (Vascular surgery individual or group practice)

- Report MIPS
  - Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI)
- Explore alternative payment models
  - With local health system
  - Possibly vascular surgery specific models
Resources

- **SVS**
  - vascular.org/research-quality/macra-qpp-resources
- **AMA**
  - ama-assn.org/MACRA
- **CMS**
  - qpp.cms.gov
- **ACS**
  - facs.org/advocacy/qpp
- **MedPAC**
  - medpac.gov