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The Episode Quality Improvement Program

Value-Based Medicare Incentive Payment Opportunity for Maryland Physicians

June 18th, 2021

EQIP ENROLLMENT OPENS July 9th

- Please reach out if you would like to schedule a one-on-one demo or meeting about EQIP with your organization. Staff will be available to:
 - Walk through opportunity analysis, specific to your organization
 - Discuss any episode definitions
 - Answer specific questions
- **Contact:** EQIP@crisphealth.org
- EQIP Subgroup Schedule
 - Monthly every third Friday, 9-11am
 - Next meeting: July 16th, 2021, To be added to distribution list, email: bfitzgerald@medchi.org
 - August 20th meeting –CANCELLED
- **Website:** <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/Episode-Quality-Improvement-Program.aspx>

EQIP Timeline

May-June, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQIP Recruitment, opportunity analysis and information sessions• CRISP Credentialing and Enrollment for EEP
July 9th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EEP opens for enrollment• Technical Policy and Portal User Guides available• Baseline Episode experience available in EEP
Sept. 1st, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline to submit National Provider Identification (NPI) and other enrollment initiation information into EEP• Providers submitted to CMS for vetting
Dec. 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Partner Arrangements and Payment Operations Finalized• CMS Vetting Status Available, Enrollment Finalized
Jan. 1, 2022 PY1 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Partner participation opportunity will be annual• Preliminary Target Prices available in EEP
<i>Mar. 1, 2022</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance analytics available, updated
<i>July 1, 2022</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PY2 (2023) Enrollment Opens
<i>July 1, 2023</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incentive Payments distributed

Participation Requirements



Qualify as a Care Partner with CMS

- Must be licensed and enrolled in the **Medicare** Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (**PECOS**)
- Must use **CEHRT and CRISP**, Maryland's health information exchange



Enroll in EQIP

- Establish **EQIP Entity** with **multiple Care Partners**
- **Select Episodes and Interventions** and agree to quality metrics*
- Each Care Partner Signs a **Care Partner Arrangement**
- Determine **Payment Remission Recipient***



Meet Episode Thresholds

- Provide care in **Maryland**
- For a **single episode**, **threshold = 11** episodes in the baseline
- Across **all episodes of participation**, **threshold = 50** episodes in the baseline

**All Care Partners in an EQIP Entity will share the same episodes, quality metrics and payment recipient.*



Open Q&A Forum

Background

The State has developed a one-stop shop, called the EQIP Entity Portal (EEP) to support participation with:

- Enrollment and opportunity analysis,
- CMS vetting and required activities (including reporting),
- CRP Entity Contracting and operations support, and,
- Performance analytics, learning system and program communications.

EQIP Entity Enrollment

- Individual or Group Participation
- Provider Information
- Administrative Proxy Election
- Status Tracker

Participation Management

- Episode Selection
- Intervention Selection
- Baseline Data

Program Data

- Incentive Payments and Savings Summaries
- Monthly Performance Analytics



Application Access

- For any Lead Care Partners that want EEP access, contact your organization / hospital Point of Contact.
- All POCs will find a EQIP reporting role within the CRS Credentialing Application
 - Please note: The enrollment process/baseline summary data does not require a Photo ID or signed End User Agreement form. However, to view PHI and detailed performance data within the application each user must have permission to view PHI within the CRS Portal, which does require these forms.





Upcoming EEP and Enrollment Support

EEP Webinar and Enrollment Q&A:

- Wednesday, June 30th – 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Recording to be distributed

Enrollment Office Hours: 7/12-8/20

- Tuesday 12:30-1:00pm
- Thursdays 4:30-5:00pm

Resources Available 7/9/2021- HSCRC website

- EQIP Policy User Guide
- EEP 101 Slides
- Provider FAQs
- EQIP Portal User Guide

