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May EQIP Subgroup

May 21, 2021

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- CRP Entity Discussion
- Recruitment and Timeline for Performance Year One (2022) Discussion
- Overview of CRISP EQIP Entity Portal
- EQIP Next Steps

EQIP's CRP Entity is The University of Maryland Medical Center

- The State has partnered with UMMC to enable EQIP as an Advanced Alternative Payment Model with CMS
- Any qualifying physician in Maryland will be allowed to participate in EQIP, regardless of previous contracting, relationship and/or privileges at UMMC
- UMMC's main roles will be:
 1. Signing an individual Care Partner Arrangement with each participating Care Partner in the EQIP Entity, and,
 2. Printing checks for earned Incentive Payments to the EQIP Entity.
- The HSCRC and CRISP will facilitate interactions between UMMC and Care Partners/EQIP Entities
 - Policy decisions and operations support will remain transparent and set at the State level
 - Any changes to the policy will be made at the CRP Committee and EQIP stakeholder level

EQIP Roles – Definitions and Responsibilities



“CRP Entity” (UMMC)

- Signs a **Care Partner Arrangement** with all Care Partners
- **Pays incentive payments** or savings to EQIP entities



“EQIP Entity”

- Consists of an **individual Care Partner** or **multiple Care Partners**
- **Performance evaluation** occurs at the EQIP entity level
- Receives **Incentive Payments**



“Care Partner” (a specialty physician)

- **Triggers episodes** and **performs EQIP care interventions**
- Signs a **Care Partner Arrangement** with the CRP Entity
- Receives normal fee-schedule payments from Medicare and a **potential “Incentive Payment” with the EQIP Entity**
- Eligible to achieve **Quality Payment Program Status** and bonuses



HSCRC and CRISP

- Will calculate episodes, monitor performance and **determine Incentive Payments**
- Maintains reporting and monitoring requirements per the Participation Agreement and to **support CRP Entity**
- Will facilitate **EQIP Entity and Care Partner Enrollment, Reporting and Learning Systems**

Administrative Proxies (*)

EQIP Entities can delegate management of their program administration. This contractual arrangement, if any, will be determined between Administrative Proxy and Participant outside of Care Partner Arrangements.

CRP Entity Operations

- The CRP Entity will receive a list of:
 - Care Partners contacts who have been submitted for CMS vetting, used to generate Care Partner Arrangements (9/1-12/1/21),
 - EQIP Entities who elect participation in EQIP for PY1 and their Payment Remission Recipient, used to generate Care Partner Arrangements (9/1-12/1/21),and,
 - A final Incentive Payment list for EQIP Entity Payment (7/1/23).
- The CRP Entity will not have:
 - Protected Health Information
 - Access to EQIP Entity or Care Partner performance analytics
- All program data, inquiries and policy procedure will be managed by the State (HSCRC and CRISP), including CRP Entity operations.

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***



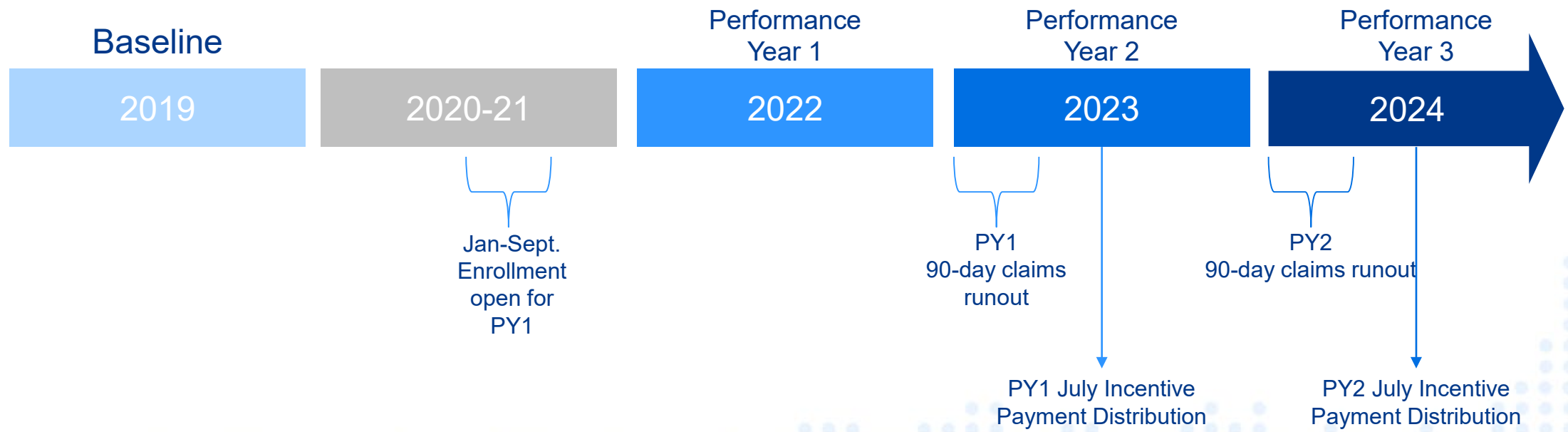
Meet Episode Thresholds

- 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.*

Participation Timeline

- EQIP will have an annual opportunity to enroll in EQIP. The enrollment period will open **July 9th through September 1st, 2021.**
- The policy may be updated and participation opportunities increased year to year through HSCRC's stakeholder engagement process





CRISP

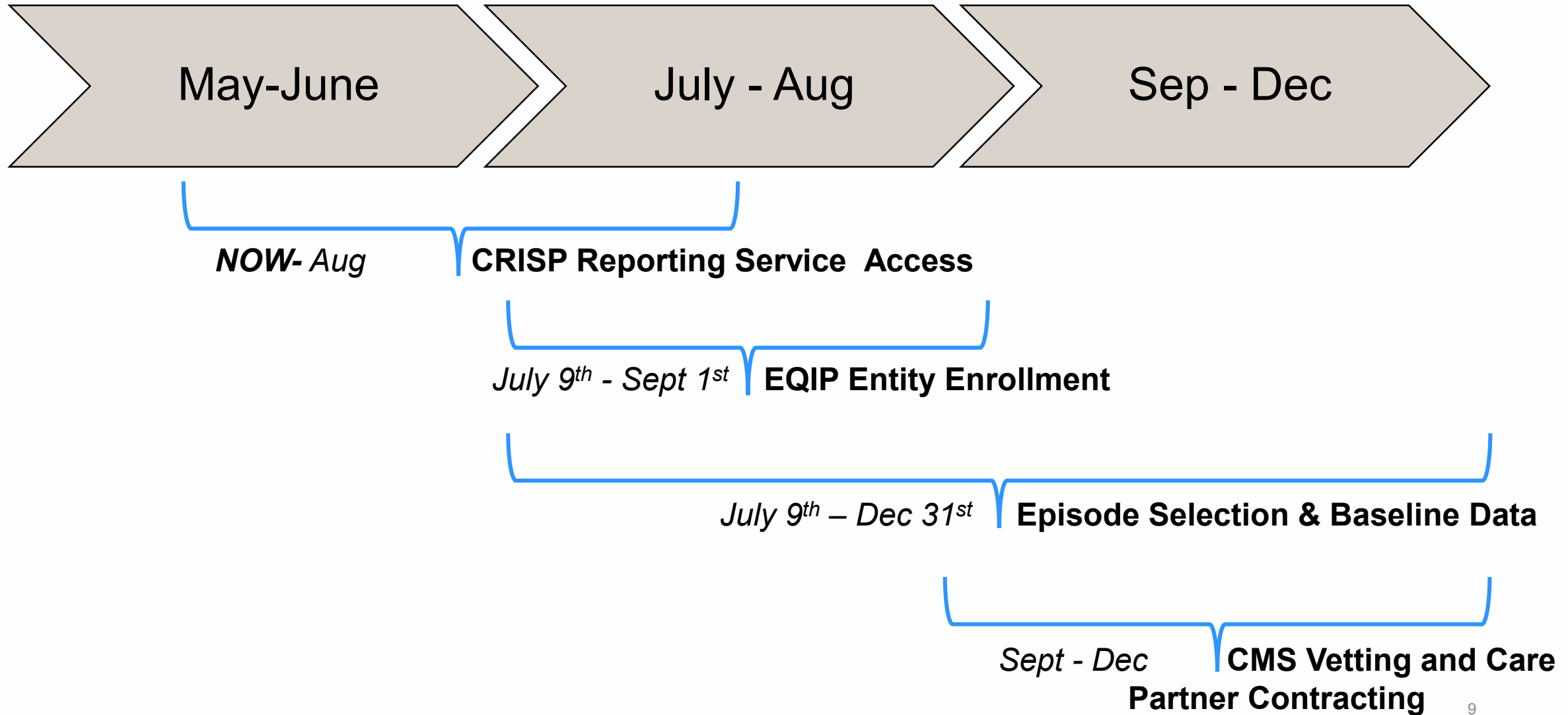
EQIP Entity Portal (EEP)

Timeline and Enrollment

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Performance Year 1: EQIP Entity Portal (EEP) and Enrollment 2021 Timeline





Access to EQIP Entity Portal (EEP)



- Navigate to the EEP tool via the CRISP Reporting Services (CRS) Portal Login Page
 - CRS credentialing is unique from other CRISP services, (i.e. ULP and ENS)
- For organizations new to CRS, you must sign a CRISP Participation Agreement (PA) and update their Notice of Privacy Practices documents
 - Organizations with multiple sites only require a single PA
 - This process can be started **today**, email EQIP@crisphealth.org
- For organizations with existing CRS access, the EQIP Lead Care Partner Contact should contact the organization's Point of Contact.
 - If you do not know your organization's POC please reach out to: EQIP@crisphealth.org
 - Administrative proxies will also have to reach out to the organization Point of Contact for access, they will not be able to enter into their own PA



Enroll in EQIP



- EQIP Enrollment and EEP will open Friday, July 9th
- The **A) Lead Care Partner Contact** or **B) Administrative Proxy** can determine if Care Partner(s) are participating individually or with multiple care partners



- EQIP Entity will determine payment remission recipient
- Enrollment information will streamline CRP Entity Contracting and CMS vetting



EEP – Episode Threshold and Opportunity Analysis

May-
June

July -
Sept

Oct-
Dec

- EQIP Entity will only be able to elect episodes and interventions for which they meet episode threshold standards
 - For a single episode, threshold = 11 episodes in the baseline
 - Across all episodes of participation, threshold = 50 episodes in the baseline



- Baseline data (volume, baseline cost, statewide rank) and opportunity analysis will viewable



- EEP will provide transparency on individual Care Partner vetting status with CMS
 - If CMS status is ineligible, reason for exclusion will be noted
 - ***Reminder: All Care Partners must be licensed and enrolled in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (**PECOS**)
- Care Partner Arrangement Management will show current status and signature date of Care Partner Arrangement with the CRP Entity



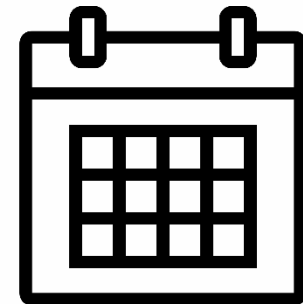
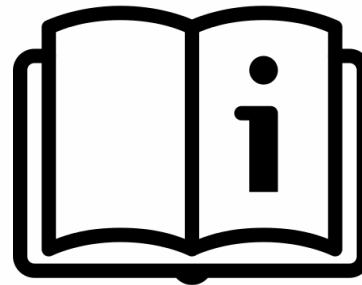
CRP Entity (UMMC)

- *Executes a Care Partner Arrangement with each individual Care Partner*
 - *Pays incentive payments to EQIP Entity*



EEP Support

- Within EQIP Entity Portal participants will be directed to support if needed
 - CRS Helpdesk (EQIP@crisphealth.org)
 - User Guide
 - Link to CRISP Program Administration Site
 - Register for Webinars
 - View Office Hours
 - Schedule One-on-one support





Future Meetings and Development

- CRISP and the HSCRC are working to provide real-time analytics dashboards for EQIP
 - This development will go live 3/1/2022
 - Includes: Episode insights, Incentive Payment calculation, Target Pricing (prelim avail 1/1/22, updated throughout year)
 - Stakeholders will inform the analytics available to EQIP Entities for participation
- Quality Reporting
- Learning System for EQIP Entities

EQIP Timeline

Late Spring 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operations, monitoring and learning system development finalized
May-June, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQIP Recruitment 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

Next Steps and Thank You!

- **Contact:** EQIP@crisphealth.org
- 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
- **EQIP Subgroup Schedule**
 - Monthly every third Friday, 9-11am
 - Next meeting: June 18th, 2021, To be added to distribution list, email: bfitzgerald@medchi.org
- **Cardiologist-focused EQIP Webinar**
 - May 27th, 8 am. Contact bfitzgerald@medchi.org
 - Ortho and GI-focused webinars to come
- **Website:** <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/Episode-Quality-Improvement-Program.aspx>