

# ACO UPDATE

# **2019 Quality Payment Performance Scores**

If you were a participating Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACO member in 2018 you may have recently received your Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM) 5% lump sum bonus from CMS based on your 2019 Medicare Part B Covered Services billings. CMS bonus payments are sent **two years** after the performance year. As a Scripps ACO participant, you were exempt from Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting in addition to receiving the 5% lump sum bonus. Recently, CMS released the MIPS score for the ACO, a gauge of participants' Medicare Part B payment adjustment if participants had defaulted to MIPS. This score showed a **+1.32%** adjustment, an increase significantly lower than the AAPM 5% bonus, illustrating the value of ACO participation. The following is a breakdown of the ACO's 2018 MIPS scores:

#### Performance Category Scores: Quality: 50 of 50

The quality score was based on data received via the CMS Web Interface and CAHPS for ACO Survey data.

## **Improvement Activities: 20 of 20**

100% credit for the Improvement Activities Credit Category was awarded for participation in an AAPM.

## Promoting Interoperability (PI): 20.77 of 30

The PI score is based on all applicable PI submissions and will then be aggregated to the AAPM Entity Level using weighted averages from all submissions.

#### **Additional Awarded Bonus Points: 2.36**

Scripps ACO received a Complex Patient bonus based upon the number of patients seen that are considered higher-risk.

#### MIPS Adjustment: 1.32%

Total score is +1.32% which is what a private practice might have received if <u>not</u> in the Scripps ACO. However, because you are a participating provider in the Scripps ACO, you received a 5% bonus for 2018 participation.

To find out more information as to how your individual and/or group provider bonus was calculated please visit <u>QPP website</u> to see your AAPM Incentive Payment details.

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