

Scripps ACO Achieves Qualifying APM Participant Status

Based on the first snapshot period of January 1 through March 31, 2017 the Scripps ACO and participating providers have achieved Qualifying Provider (QP) status. As you recall, CMS designates QP status by individual physician (NPI) based on a calculation using the entire population of our Advanced APM ACO. This means that Scripps ACO physicians are considered QPs in an Advanced APM for performance year 2017 and are therefore excluded from the MIPS quality reporting program and will receive the 5% lump sum Medicare incentive payment from CMS in 2019.

CMS has released an interactive look-up tool that allows providers to check their QP status online. Please feel free to confirm your QP status using the look-up tool at the below link:

https://data.cms.gov/qplookup#_blank

The Methodology Fact Sheet is an excellent resource to understand how CMS determines QP Status and can be reviewed at the following weblink:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/QP-Methodology-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

In addition, the supplemental service payments fact sheet, which reflects the supplemental service payments included in the CMS APM Incentive Payment calculations, is now available at the following weblink:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/Initial-QP-supplemental-service-payments-fact-sheet-2017-.pdf>

Scripps ACO will report Quality and Patient Experience measures on behalf of ACO participants. ACO participants are responsible for reporting Advancing Care Information (ACI) measures.

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