

Advancing Care Information (ACI)

Formerly known as Meaningful Use

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Because of the unique specificity of health information technology, participating providers will have to report Advancing Care Information independent of the ACO. ACI participation is an important component of our Advance Alternative Payment Model (“AAPM”) status and it is critical that all eligible providers report. Below are resources to help navigate ACI. If your practice does not use Electronic Health Records, this information does not apply.

MIPS ELIGIBLE CLINICIANS

- First, check your MIPS status at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup?npj>
- If your NPI is identified as included in MIPS, you must report ACI independent of the ACO.
- There are different pathways to report ACI and options differ whether you report as an individual or a group practice.
- For 2017, Eligible Clinicians (“ECs”) must report on a *minimum* of 90-days of activity; longer durations can be reported to enhance your score.
- The best source of information on reporting ACI is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (“CMS”) Quality Payment Program (“QPP”):
 - Website: <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/advancing-care-information>
 - Email: QPP@cms.hhs.gov
 - Phone: 1-866-288-8292
- If you have not already done so, you should contact your technology vendor about reporting ACI. Reporting platforms include Clinical Data Registry (“QCDR”), Qualified Registry, Electronic Health Record (“EHR”), administrative claims, attestation, and CMS Web Interface (*for group practices only*).

FOR PROVIDERS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTESTED UNDER MEDICAID (MEDI-CAL)

- Providers that have previously attested under Medicaid can continue to report under Medicaid for the duration of their 6-year eligibility.
- Providers that began their Medicaid attestation in 2016 can attest under Medicaid through 2021.
- Starting in 2017, no *new* providers may attest under Medicaid.

FOR PROVIDERS THAT HAVE NEVER ATTESTED MEANINGFUL USE

- **First time Eligible Professionals (“EPs”) who have not demonstrated meaningful use successfully in a prior year have until October 1, 2017 to attest or apply for the one-time hardship exception if you are transitioning to MIPS in 2017.**

If you have any questions or concerns about your MIPS status or ACI reporting, we encourage you to contact the CMS QPP directly via email at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or phone at 1-866-288-8292.

Lastly, to be sure that our collective score accurately reflects the providers in our ACO, please be sure to check your Medicare enrollment data in PECOS. Scripps Accountable Care ACO does not have the access to update PECOS on behalf of our ACO participants. If you have issues with PECOS, we encourage you to contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) or CMS’ External User Services (EUS) at 866-484-8049.

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