
2/23/2108 | 2018 MIPS Video, Fact Sheets, and FAQs for CRNAs Now Available

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2/22/2018 | Now Available- CMS Approved Registry List and QCDR Measures for MIPS

CRNAs that are eligible to participate in MIPS under the Quality Payment Program should be focusing on their reporting strategy now. The use of a CMS approved Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) or a “traditional” Qualified Registry is two viable reporting options that CRNAs should consider for successful participation. Reporting with a QCDR holds many benefits for CRNAs, including access to QCDR measures outside of the MIPS Anesthesia Specialty Measure Set and improvement activities. CMS released an updated list of registries in February 2018. Review the updated 2018 QCDR List or the 2018 Qualified Registry List to look for vendors and the measures they support.

2/21/2108 | 2018 MIPS Updates on the AANA Quality Reimbursement Website

In an effort to educate and prepare CRNAs for the 2018 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), the AANA Research and Quality Division has prepared an introductory video outlining the key provisions of the Quality Payment Program Year 2 for 2018 MIPS which is hosted on the AANA Quality Reimbursement website. In addition, the website now offers the 2018 MIPS Fact Sheets for a high-level overview of the four MIPS performance categories and their participation requirements. Given that CRNAs should concentrate their efforts on the Quality and Improvement Activities performance categories, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been developed to provide greater detail about these categories.

1/26/2018 | Reporting for MIPS in 2018: QCDRs and Qualified Registries

The second year of the Quality Payment Program (QPP) has officially begun with the ringing in of the new year, and CRNAs should be taking certain steps to prepare. To begin the process of successful participation in the Merit-Based Incentive Program (MIPS), CRNAs should focus on selecting their reporting strategy. Two viable reporting options include the use of Qualified Registries or Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs). Reporting with a QCDR holds many benefits for CRNAs, including access to measures outside of the MIPS Anesthesia Specialty Measure Set, which can be found on the AANA 2018 MIPS Quality Performance Category Fact Sheet. “QCDR Measures” have undergone a separate approval process with CMS to include these additional measures in their measure set.

12/15/2017 | Deadline Approaching: Avoid a MIPS 2017 Penalty

Eligible Clinicians (ECs) have until December 31, 2017 to submit the minimum of 1 quality measure and 1 improvement activity in order to avoid an automatic 4% penalty on the 2019 MIPS payment year. ECs may choose any measures, for any patient for 2017 in order to avoid a negative payment adjustment on their 2019 Medicare reimbursement. While there is no longer the opportunity to receive a payment

bonus for 2017 performance, there is still time for providers to avoid the -4% penalty on their 2019 Medicare reimbursement by reporting data on at least one measure, one time, for at least one patient during the 2017 performance year. ECs who report at least one quality measure or improvement activity for a minimum of one patient by December 31, 2017 will see a neutral payment adjustment in 2019. Take action now! The AMA provides a useful video on how to submit your data in 2017.

12/8/2017 | CMS Releases 2018 Quality Payment Program Final Rule

On November 16, 2017 CMS released the CY2018 Final Rule outlining changes to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System under Year 2 of Quality Payment Program. Along with the Final Rule, CMS has released an Overview Fact Sheet and Executive Summary highlighting the finalized policies. The AANA Research and Quality division is diligently working to inform AANA members about the pertinent changes that are applicable to CRNAs. For questions about the 2018 MIPS please call the AANA Quality Reimbursement staff at 847-655-1199 or email research@aana.com