QCDR Resources for Small and Rural Practices

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The NQRN® QCDR Committee has created these slides.
They include resources that may be of use to physicians practicing in small groups and rural geographic areas.
The included resources can help these physicians navigate MACRA and the Quality Payment Program (QPP).
Please contact CMS directly for assistance and up to date information about available programs and assistance for these practices.
CMS Quality Payment Program Resources

- MACRA and the Quality Payment Program (QPP)

- **Where to go for help?**

- The [CMS web site](#) contains fact sheets, timelines, press releases, webinars, slide decks, and blog posts designed to help physicians understand QPP.
CMS envisions a MIPS program that equips clinicians with the tools and incentives to focus on improving health care quality, efficiency, and patient safety for all their patients.

Physicians in small practices who report their performance can do just as well as mid-sized practices.

Guidance for these practices can be found here: [QPP Small Practice Fact Sheet](#)
• You can also request a CMS speaker to give your organization more details about the QPP
The Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network is a public-private partnership to align efforts in moving towards alternative payment models and value-based payments.

The Network serves as a forum where small practices and other stakeholders can come together to discuss, track, and share best practices on how to transition towards alternative payment models that emphasize value.
• The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) is designed to help clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation

• TVCI is one part of a strategy advanced by the Affordable Care Act to strengthen the quality of patient care and spend health care dollars more wisely

• TCPI operates Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs). PTNs are peer-based learning networks designed to coach, mentor and assist clinicians in developing core competencies specific to practice transformation.

• Go [here](#) to find a PTN. PTNs offer free support to enrolled participants. Many of the activities of PTN align with the QPP
Several QCDRs are already participating in TCPI

- American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) Prime
- American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) CEDR
- American College of Physicians (ACP) Genesis
- American College of Radiology (ACR) NRDR
- MDInsight with COSEHC
- New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII)
- Northern New England (NNE) PTN
• Through TCPI, the Support and Alignment Network 2.0 awardees will identify, enroll, and provide tailored technical assistance to advanced practices in an effort to reduce Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program expenditures by transitioning practices through the phases of transformation and enhancing the quality, efficiency, and coordination of care they deliver.

• For additional information, please contact transformation@cms.hhs.gov
Check with the following:

- **State and County Medical Societies***
- **National Medical Specialty and Other Societies***

*Free American Medical Association web account required. AMA membership not required to create an account.
PCPI Programs and Initiatives

• **Measurement Science**
  – PCPI's measurement science program includes three distinct but well-integrated areas — *measure development*, *measure specification* and *measure testing* — each of which is essential to producing high quality performance measures ready for widespread adoption and implementation.

• **NQRN**
  – The NQRN® is a voluntary network of organizations that are operating or planning registries, using information from registries to improve patient outcomes or supporting the registry community through technology and infrastructure.
• **Quality Improvement**
  – The PCPI Quality Improvement (QI) program exists to facilitate the rapid access, sharing, learning, scale and spread of quality improvement methodologies and knowledge

• **Regulatory Issues**
  – As a top priority, PCPI will focus many of its activities over the next three years to support its member organizations, and their members, in the successful adoption of the QPP
Resources from PCPI and NQRN

• **PCPI Conferences** - several conferences throughout the year

• **PCPI Webinars** – various topics related to registries, QI, and Measure Science
Resources Available from the American Medical Association

AMA website

StepsForward Quality Reporting Page

AMA Payment Model Evaluator
Articles and Papers

• Physician Frustration and Fear of MACRA (NEJM Catalyst)
• CMS: Dire MACRA Estimate for Small Practices Not 'Reality' (Medscape)
• Do Small Physician Practices Have a Future? (Commonwealth Fund)
• CMS issues MACRA fact sheet for small practices: 3 key takeaways (Becker’s Hospital Review)
• Medicare Physician Payment Reform: Securing the Connection Between Value and Payment (Brookings Institute Health Policy Brief)
Other HHS Resources

• Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
• Health IT – Providers and Professionals
• Regional Extension Centers (RECs)
• Please contact PCPI with questions and for more information.

• Visit the QPP web site.
Thank you!
Performance improvement is everyone’s business.