



MACRA, QPP, MIPS, HUH?

MACRA

In 2015, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) was passed. The goal is to ultimately change Medicare payments from quantity to quality based. It is also simplifying the reporting process merging Meaningful Use and PQRS together. So what does this mean for providers?

MACRA overhauls Medicare's payments to clinicians by creating strong incentives for them to participate in Alternative Payment Models (APMs) that require financial risk-sharing and designed to improve quality.

Clinicians who are not participating in the APMs models must have their performance measured in four categories:

1. Quality
2. Resource Use
3. Health Information Technology (HIT) use
4. Clinical Practice Improvement

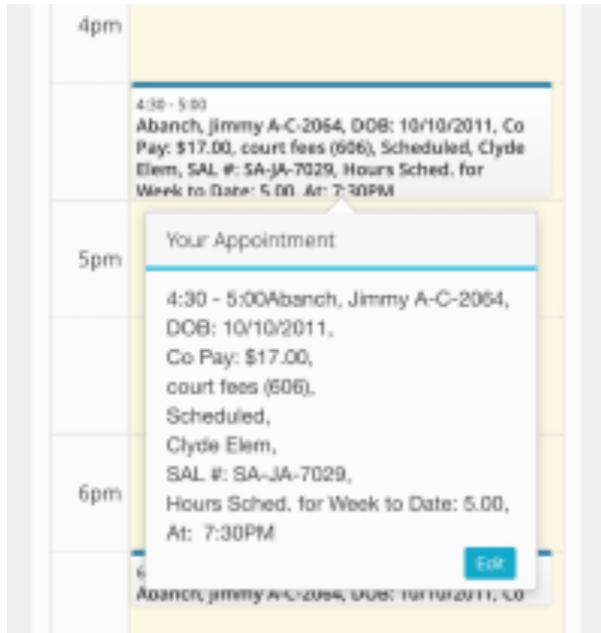
Eventually, measuring the costs associated with a clinician's practice and referral patterns will grow to 30% of the performance formula. Together, these policies will encourage a much stronger focus on quality and total cost of care, as opposed to quantity of health care.

QPP

The Quality Payment Program (QPP) has two paths:

1. Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
2. Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

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After a *lot* of hard work, focus, and **many** rounds of feedback + testing, we're proud and excited to announce the PIMSY application.

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What is Behavioral Health EHR?

Good question! Electronic health records (EHR), also known as electronic medical records (EMR) is essentially **an electronic format of traditional paper notes and charting.**

Ideally, mental health EHRs go a step beyond just electronic software and also integrate **practice management functionality.** [Read more....](#)



Just For Fun

Our industry usually deals with the heaviest, most intense material in the human experience. While client treatment is vitally important, **it's also important to find lightness, hope and laughter to stay balanced and keep from getting burned out.**

Do you have a favorite therapy joke or meme that makes you smile - or simply something that inspires you to keep going? [Share it](#) with us.

To your success!

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