Advancing Care Information Specifications Fact Sheet

The Quality Payment Program

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) replaced three quality programs (the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive program, the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), and the Value-Based Payment Modifier (VM) with the Quality Payment Program. This one program will give you a chance to be paid more for giving better care. There are two ways to take part in this program:

- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
- Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

Under MIPS, there are four connected parts that affect how you’ll be paid by Medicare:

1. Quality;
2. Clinical Practice Improvement Activities;
3. Advancing Care Information; and

The Quality Payment Program is designed to improve patient care quality. To gauge quality of the patient care, we use quality measures.

Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures

We use Advancing Care Information measure specification sheets to give a description and details about each objective and measure in the Advancing Care Information performance category. They provide a blueprint to successful participation by outlining each element of a measure.

In 2017, there are two measure set options for reporting:

- Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures
- 2017 Advancing Care Information Transition Objectives and Measures

The option you'll use to send in data is based on your certified electronic health record (EHR) edition.
Reporting Requirements

The Reporting Requirements section provides information for sending in either a yes/no response or a numerator/denominator for each measure reported for the Advancing Care Information performance category.

Scoring Information

The Scoring Information section gives you the scoring weights and percentages for the base score, performance score, and bonus score for each measure.

Regulatory References

This section gives you the parts of the MACRA final rule and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) standards and certification regulations for the 2014 edition certified EHR technology (CEHRT) and 2015 edition CEHRT.

Certification and Standards Criteria

This section gives you the matching certification and standards criteria for EHR technology that'll help you to achieve on each measure.