

Reporting "Advancing Care Information" Data for MIPS

When it comes to MIPS, we're all in this together. All participants in the ACO's MSSP contract are automatically enrolled in the MIPS APM, Medicare's value-based payment program that aggregates every individual provider's performance to derive a single ACO-wide performance score. When individual providers do well, all participants in the ACO benefit by becoming eligible for reimbursement increases.

One way individual providers can have a big impact on the overall ACO score is to contribute data to the for the Advancing Care Information category. Also known as ACI, the Advancing Care Information category replaces Medicare Meaningful Use and includes measures that are meant to determine how effectively a provider is using his or her EHR to improve patient care.

SCORING

Each provider's ACI score is derived from three subscores: a required "base score," a "performance score" and a "bonus score." The base score is the most important, since a failure to report on all the measures associated with it will cause the provider to have a total ACI score of zero. And since the ACI score makes up 25% of the total MIPS score, the performance of individual providers in this category has profound consequences for all participants in the ACO.

The measures associated with the base score vary depending on what type of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) the provider uses.

If it's 2014 Edition CEHRT, the "[2017 Advancing Care Information Transition Objectives and Measures](#)" set applies:

1. e-Prescribing
2. Health Information Exchange
3. Provide Patient Access
4. Security Risk Analysis

If it's 2015 Edition CEHRT, the measure set is different. The "[Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures](#)" set applies:

1. e-Prescribing
2. Provide Patient Access
3. Request/Accept Summary of Care
4. Security Risk Analysis
5. Send a Summary of Care

For certain providers, measuring ACI is optional: hospital-based, advanced practitioners (NPs, PAs, CRNAs, CNSs) and non-patient facing.

REPORTING

Although ACI performance measurement is conducted at the provider level, providers' results are combined and reported at their practice group Tax ID (TIN) level. The TIN level scores of all the groups participating in the MaineHealth ACO's MSSP contract are then used to derive a single ACO-wide score.

Please note that if a group chooses to report results from providers whose participation in ACI measurement is optional, their results will be included in the calculation of the TIN-level score along with those of the required providers.

RESOURCES

The ACI performance category can be complicated, but you're not alone in figuring it out and planning a strategy for performing well. Please contact [Gail Mazzone](#) for assistance and guidance.