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Advance Care Planning (ACP) is a vital component of patient-centered care, yet many physicians struggle to integrate it into clinical practice—particularly when it comes to billing and documentation. MedChi supports physicians by offering clear guidance on how to code, document, and be reimbursed for these important conversations.

While ACP is a required quality measure under Maryland's EQIP program, its significance extends well beyond compliance. Thoughtful end-of-life conversations improve patient outcomes, reduce unnecessary interventions, and ensure that care aligns with patient preferences. However, uncertainty around billing codes, workflow integration, and reporting standards often leads practices to miss this opportunity.

Today, numerous digital tools exist, making advance Care Planning easy, efficient, and less prone to ambiguity. Backline by DrFirst, Mideo, and MyDirectives are just a few that support:

- Proper use of CPT codes 99497 and 99498 for ACP services
- Accurate and compliant documentation
- Workflow integration that does not disrupt patient care
- Tracking of ACP conversations for both internal use and quality reporting

Whether or not a practice is participating in EQIP or another value-based program, supporting ACP is part of providing high-quality care—and it is reimbursable when done correctly. MedChi's efforts are aimed at helping Maryland physicians do the right thing for their patients while maintaining financial and operational efficiency.

Access the ACP billing and documentation tool HERE.

By removing barriers to Advance Care Planning, MedChi is helping physicians lead compassionate, informed, and proactive conversations with their patients—at every stage of life.

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