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MedChi is pleased to announce that enrollment for the fifth performance year of the Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) is open.

The Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM) that engages practitioners who treat Maryland Medicare beneficiaries in care transformation and value-based payment through an episode-based approach. EQIP participants will be held accountable for achieving cost and quality targets for one or more Clinical Episodes. EQIP Entities have an opportunity to earn a portion of the savings generated in their selected Clinical Episode(s) as a lump-sum incentive payment.

EQIP has added 68 new episodes for Performance Year 5 (CY2026) bringing the total episode count to 123 episodes. PY5 Episodes have been organized in the following Clinical Episode Categories: Allergy / ENT, Behavioral Health, Cardiology / Vascular, Dermatology, Emergency Department, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery / Wound Care, Hematology / Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics / MSK, Pulmonology / Critical Care, Rheumatology, and Urology.

MedChi continues to support EQIP through program advocacy, outreach, and education. MedChi also serves as an administrative proxy to 286 practitioners participating in EQIP in Performance Year 4 (CY2025).

The enrollment opportunity will close on Friday, August 29, 2025. For more information, or to find out if you are eligible to participate, please reach out to Olivia Simon at osimon@medchi.org.