

What is Maryland's EQIP?

The **Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP)** is a value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners.

EQIP participants will:

- Be held accountable for achieving **cost** and **quality** targets for one or more Clinical Episodes.
- Have an opportunity to earn a portion of the savings they create in their selected Clinical Episode(s) as a **lump-sum incentive payment**.

How Does EQIP Work?

Annual Enrollment Opportunity



- Practitioners apply by creating or joining an EQIP entity.
- Entities select the Clinical Episodes they wish to participate in.



Target Price is Set

- Costs from episodes in the baseline year are totaled.
- Entities are assigned a per episode average cost or unique Target Price per episode it has selected.



Performance Assessed

- Performance year episode costs are compared to Target Price.
- Quality adjustments are made.
- Incentive payments to successful entities are issued approximately 9-12 months after the performance year.

How do I Apply?

Open enrollment for 2027 will take place from **June 29 through August 21, 2026**. During the enrollment period, new* and returning participants must apply through the EQIP Entity Portal (EEP).

*New participants are required to complete the **Pre-Enrollment Form** by August 7, 2026 to gain access to the official EQIP enrollment application.

Benefits of EQIP:

★ Participation in Value-Based Care

Improve quality of care and reduce costs of care.

★ Qualifying APM Participant (QP) Status

If a clinician attains QP status through EQIP, they will receive:

- MIPS Exemption
- Qualifying APM Conversion Factor

★ Opportunity for Lump-Sum Incentive Payment

Earn a portion of the savings created as a lump-sum incentive payment.

