AQI Quality Reporting Office Hours

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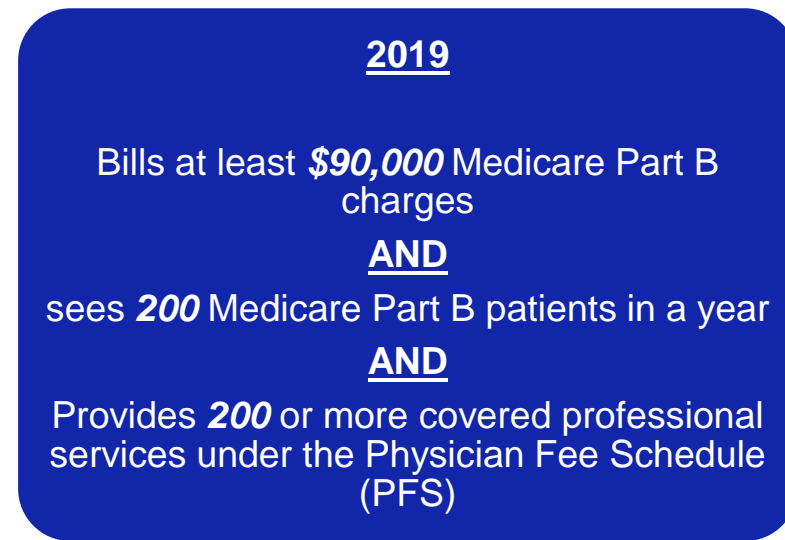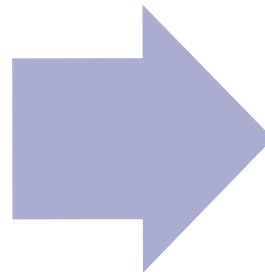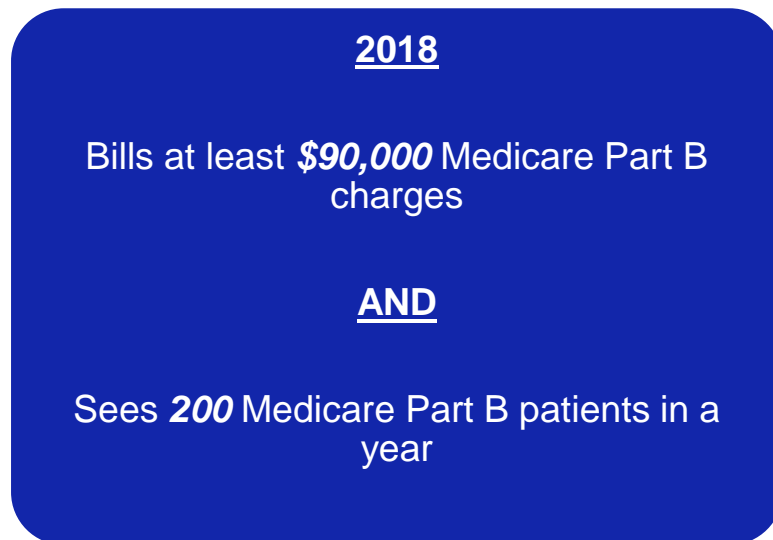# MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policy Reminder

- For 2018, MIPS ECs and groups affected by extreme and uncontrollable circumstances may submit a request for reweighting of all MIPS categories
  - Extreme and uncontrollable circumstances would cause you to be unable to collect information necessary to submit for a performance category, or to submit information that would be used to score a performance category for an extended period of time (for example, 3 months unable to collect data for the Quality performance category).
  - Intended to address those affected by recent natural disasters

- The deadline to submit a request for 2018 is *December 31, 2018*

- Learn more: https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications

2019 Final Rule

– The Final Rule on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) 2019 was released on November 1, 2018

– The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are focusing on:
  • Reducing clinician burden
  • Identifying "meaningful" measures for the program
  • Ramping up requirements across components
  • Restructuring the Promoting Interoperability component

2019 MIPS Eligibility

– Do you have to report MIPS?
  • Not first year enrolled in Medicare
  • Not significantly participating in Advanced APMs
  • Exceeds Low Volume Threshold – *new criterion added*

2018

Bills at least *$90,000* Medicare Part B charges

AND

Sees *200* Medicare Part B patients in a year

2019

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AND

Provides *200* or more covered professional services under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)

Opting-In

- Clinicians and groups that meet or exceed at least ONE of the low-volume threshold criteria, but not all have the opportunity to "opt-in" to MIPS beginning in 2019

- Those who choose to opt-in are subject to positive, neutral and negative payment adjustments

- *Voluntary Reporting:* If clinicians or groups do not meet any of the low-volume threshold criteria they can report MIPS voluntarily, however they will NOT be eligible for a payment adjustment

2019

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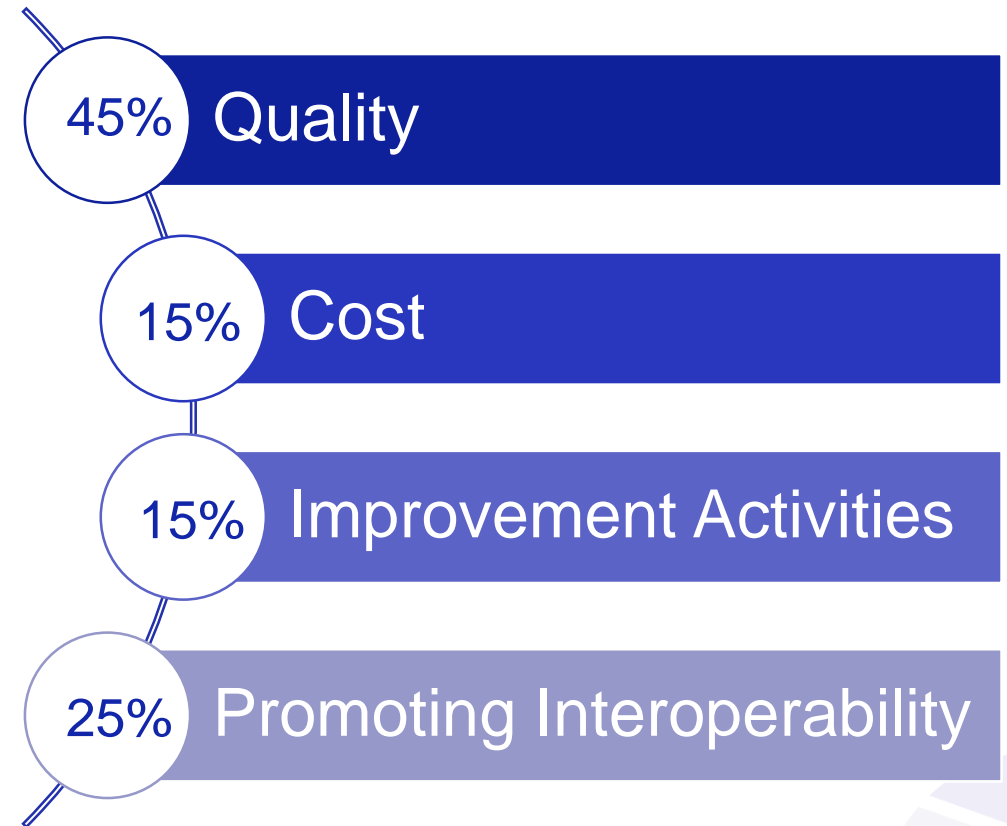### AND

sees *200* Medicare Part B patients in a year
AND

Provides *200* or more covered professional services under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)

2019 MIPS Components

- Quality Component weight continues to decrease
- Cost Component still not applicable to most anesthesia providers
- Improvement Activities requirements remain unchanged
- Advancing Care Information (ACI) rebranded to Promoting Interoperability (PI)
- Payment adjustment **+ / - 7%**
- Component weights may change based on clinician special status

45% Quality

15% Cost

15% Improvement Activities

25% Promoting Interoperability

Quality Component – Anesthesiology Set

The 2019 MIPS Anesthesiology Measure Set was finalized to include 7 measures:

1. MIPS #44: CABG: Preoperative Beta-Blocker in Patients with Isolated CABG Surgery

2. MIPS #76: Prevention of CVC-Related Bloodstream Infections*

3. MIPS #402: Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents

4. MIPS #404: Anesthesiology Smoking Abstinence* (Intermediate Outcome)

5. MIPS #424: Perioperative Temperature Management* (Outcome)

6. ~~MIPS #426: Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care Measure: Procedure Room to PACU*~~ **- REMOVED**

7. ~~MIPS #427: Post-Anesthetic Transfer of Care Measure: Procedure Room to ICU*~~ **- REMOVED**

8. MIPS #430: Prevention of PONV - Combination Therapy*

9. MIPS #463: Prevention of Post-Operative Vomiting (POV) – Combination Therapy (Pediatrics)*

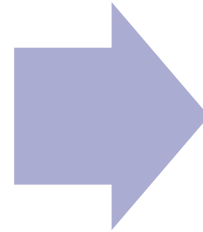* designates a "high priority" measure

Performance Threshold and Payment Adjustment

2018

15 point threshold

Exceptional performer at 70 points

Payment adjustment at +/- 5%

2019

30 point threshold

Exceptional performer at 75 points

Payment adjustment at +/- 7%

Resources

- QPP Resource Library
  - https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library
- MIPS Eligibility Tool
  - https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup
- ASA MACRA webpage
  - https://www.asahq.org/macra
- AQI Quality Reporting Materials
  - https://www.aqihq.org/MACRAOverview.aspx
- QPP Help Desk
  - QPP@cms.hhs.gov
- ASA MACRA Memo
  - https://www.asahq.org/macra/solutionsresources/educationpublications/macramemo

2018 Quality Reporting Deadlines

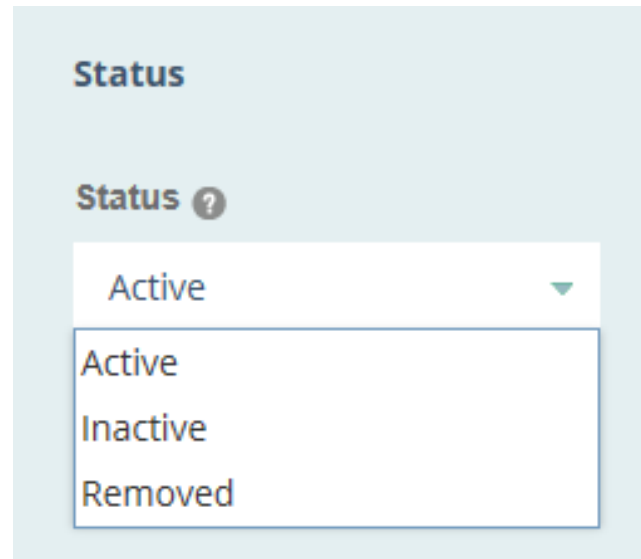| 2018 NACOR Quality Reporting Deadlines	
10/11/18	2018 ASA Membership Renewal
10/31/18	2018 Standard Quality Reporting Registration
12/15/2018	Enrollment in Merging and/or Formatting Services
01/31/2019	January – November 2018 Data Submission

02/15/2019	All Data Submissions;
	In NACOR Dashboard:
	    CMS Opt-Out
	    TIN/NPI Reconciliation
	    Improvement Activity Attestation

02/28/2019	Individual Quality Reporting Consent Submission

Arbor Metrix Updates

– Arbor Metrix has released provider list updates to better assist AQI champions in accurately updating their provider lists

– When selecting a single provider from a provider list, AQI champions now have the ability to select one of the following provider "status"

Active: Provider is active or was active for the quality reporting year

Inactive:

Removed: Provider is no longer at practice, has no data to submit

Status

Status ❓

| Active ▾ |

Active
Inactive
Removed

Facility List Audits

– The AQI facility list audit is still in progress

  • We are aiming to reduce the number of unused and duplicate facilities in order to clean up the benchmarking data

– Facility lists are important because it allows AQI champions to review benchmarking data and view performance of the practice facilities

– To ensure your facility list is up to date, please review the instructions on how to update your facility list here: Auditing your Facility List (PDF)

– If you have any questions, please email erika.kalb@asahq.org.

Data File Email Reminders

- AQI began sending email notification reminders to AQI champions in October

- Reminders will be sent every other week until the final deadline (2/15/19)

- Notifies AQI champions if no data files have been submitted to NACOR for 2018 or a new data file has been uploaded.
  - If a **new** file has been uploaded review the NACOR dashboard prior to deadlines so you have an opportunity to review any errors and correct them in a timely manner

- Please contact your AQI Account Manager if you have any questions or would like to review your dashboard results.

Data Merging and Formatting

- Services are available for practices who need merging, formatting or both merging and formatting of their data files.

- Registration deadline is **12/15/18**

- If interested email askaqi@asahq.org or contact your AQI Account Manager

Next Quality Reporting Office Hours

Tuesday, December 11th

11 AM CT

Registration Link:

https://asahq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NPNtdGm3ThGVekUILipoag

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