



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute

May 2019



Sweet April showers do spring May flowers. - Thomas Tusser

How are you doing in Year 3 of the QPP?

We are almost half way through year 3 of the QPP program. How are you doing? Remember Telligen can provide free one-on-one assistance with any aspects of the QPP program.

If you are struggling with the program, or would like us to review your measures or activities, contact us: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST; 844-358-4021 or qpp-surs@telligen.com.

If you have a local event coming up and would like to have a speaker discuss QPP or MIPS to your audience at no cost, contact us!

MIPS Preliminary Performance Feedback is Available

The MIPS data submission period ended on April 2. You can view preliminary performance feedback in the [QPP Portal](#). While not all data is currently available, preliminary feedback will provide an idea of what your final score will be. The following data is not yet available, and may affect your final score:

- All Cause Readmission Measure
- Cost Measure Data
- Special Status Scoring Consideration
- Claims Measures
- CAHPS for MIPS Survey Results
- Hardship Application Status
- Improvement Study Participation
- Quality Measure Benchmark Updates

Final performance scores and feedback will be released this summer. Once final scores are released, you can log into the portal to verify that all data submission information is correct.

Upcoming CMS Webinars

[CMS Webinars - Register Now!](#)

May LAN Webinar: How to Maximize Your Score in the Cost Category; Practical Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices

This event will focus on learning how cost scores are calculated, how much they impact overall MIPS scores and how you can identify and adapt in areas that are impacting your cost score.

[Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST](#)

[Thursday, May 16, 2019, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST](#)

June LAN Webinar: How to Succeed in the Promoting Interoperability Category for Solo and Small Group Practices

[Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. CDT](#)

[Thursday, June 20, 2019, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. CDT](#)

Upcoming Telligen Webinars

[Addressing Quality Measures with the Annual Wellness Visit](#)

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit benefits the patient in many ways. It focuses on preventive care and safety, yet it is slow to be adopted. Join guest speaker, Donna Cohen, RN, BSN, CCM, Deputy Director of Population Health QIN-QIO from Alliant Health Solutions. She will share detailed information on the Annual Wellness Visit, and how your practice can cover

numerous MIPS Quality measures through the workflow process.

[Wednesday, May 29, 2019 11:00 am - 12:00 pm CST](#)

APM 201 Series: Moving from MIPS to an APM: What You Need to Know

Hosted by Telligen QIN QIO, Telligen SURS and COMPASS PTN

Session Three: Sharing APM Success Stories - In part three of this series, practices will share their journeys and provide tips and strategies that helped them navigate through a successful ACO transition.

[Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST](#)

Annual Wellness Visit

An Annual Wellness Visit is a patient's yearly appointment with their primary care provider to create or update a personalized care plan and perform a health risk assessment. Benefits of an Annual Wellness Visit includes:

- Reduce total healthcare costs for the patient
- Spend time with the patient and have an open exchange of information
- Meet quality measure stipulations for QPP during the visit

An annual wellness visit resource is now available on our website at: <https://telligenqpp.com/resources/>

We will host special guest speaker, Donna Cohen from Alliant Health Solutions, on May 29, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT. She will share detailed information about the Annual Wellness Visit and how your practice can cover numerous MIPS Quality measures through the workflow process. Register [here](#).

New QPP Resources Available

The following resources were updated or added to the QPP Resource Library in April:

- [2019 Group Participation Guide](#)
- [2019 QPP Participation Infographic](#)
- [2019 MIPS Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2019 Promoting Interoperability Fact Sheet](#)
- [2019 Clinician Champions Program Nomination Form](#)
- [2019 Clinician Champions Program Fact Sheet](#)

We encourage you to explore the resource library, and check out all the great resources that are available.

May Quality Measures Tip: Healthy Vision Month

One of the new Improvement Activities for 2019 in the Achieving Health Equity subcategory is Comprehensive Eye Exams.

This activity was created to promote the importance of comprehensive eye exams to underserved or high-risk populations. It can be used by:

- Non- ophthalmologists/optometrists who refer patients to an ophthalmologist/optometrist
- Ophthalmologists/optometrists caring for underserved patients at no cost **OR**
- Any clinician providing literature and/or resources on this topic

Primary care clinicians can accomplish this by talking to their patients about comprehensive eye exams, providing them with resources and/or referring them to receive no-cost eye exams.

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