



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute



October 2018

New This Month: CMS Updates 2017 Performance Feedback & Extends Deadline for Targeted Review

CMS recently updated 2017 performance feedback and 2019 payment adjustments. Please log in to your EIDM account to view these changes. A more detailed explanation of the revisions is available [here](#).

If you believe an error was made to your payment adjustment calculation, the targeted review deadline was extended to **October 15** at 7:00 p.m. CST (details available below).

If you have questions about your performance feedback or MIPS final score, contact the Quality Payment Program at 1-866-288-8292/ TTY: 1-877-715-6222 or QPP@cms.hhs.gov

New Events: Peer-to-Peer Learning Calls Continue

This month, Telligen's peer-to-peer learning series continues with calls targeting those specialty practices and EHR vendors widely represented within our four-state region. **Don't miss this valuable opportunity to share your successes and challenges, gain valuable knowledge, and network with your peers.**

All calls will be held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon (CST) on the dates list below.

Register Now:

- [10/17/18: Diagnostic Radiologists](#)
- [10/31/18: Dermatologists](#)
- [11/14/18: AllScripts EHR USers](#)

We want to hear from you before the call! If you have topics or questions to discuss, please contact Michelle Brunsen at mbrunsen@telligen.com or 515-453-8180.

Update: *Targeted Review Deadline Extended*

CMS has extended the targeted review deadline to **October 15** (at 7:00 p.m., CST) to allow ECs additional time to access and review their performance feedback.

What is a Targeted Review?

This appeals process enables MIPS ECs (including those subject to the APM scoring standard) to request a CMS review of their performance feedback and final score. Instructions are available [here](#).

Questions?

If you have questions about your final MIPS score or the targeted review process, please contact the Quality Payment Program.

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EC Resources: *Your 2018 Data Submission*

Help Is Just a Phone Call Away . . .

The fourth quarter is underway, which means 2018 data submission is looming. Don't forget, the Telligen team is here to help our practices submit MIPS data and meet their goals. To reach out to an adviser, call 844-358-4021 or send us an [email](#). ECs are also encouraged to attend the October LAN webinar covering this same topic (registration info provided below).

New: *Meet Your QPP Resource Team*

Meet Telligen's Temaka Williams

This is my second tenure working from the Telligen office in Oak Brook, IL. I've been back with the organization for three and a half years, and I truly enjoy working here!

Currently, I assist Nebraska clinicians navigating the Quality Payment Program at the small, underserved, and rural practice level. I also assist Illinois practices with 16 or more ECs.

I've spent my entire career in the field of healthcare quality focusing on health IT. My previous experience spans from quality measure development to inpatient performance



improvement to health IT support.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management from Southern Illinois University and Master's degrees in Public Health and Business Administration from Saint Xavier University in Chicago.

In my spare time, I enjoy exploring Chicago, especially in the summertime. My favorite catchphrase is, There's no place like Summertime Chi. I have a special interest in eliminating health disparities, and co-leading a medical ministry initiative at a well-known Chicago church. I also volunteer with several organizations promoting college access.

I'm a cat mom to a sweet Nubia; and self-proclaimed "Queen of Vacation," always trying to squeeze in a getaway. I also enjoy hosting dinner parties and get-togethers.

Upcoming CMS Webinars: Mark Your Calendar

October LAN Webinar:

Submitting your 2018 MIPS Data: Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices

- [October 16 at 2:30 p.m., CST](#)
- [October 18 at 10 a.m., CST](#)

November LAN Webinar:

Overview of the 2019 Final Rule: Implications for Solo and Small Group Practices

- [November 13 at 10 a.m., CST](#)
- [November 15 at 2:30 p.m., CST](#)

Did You Know: *October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer diagnosed in women. Each year in the United States approximately:

- 237K cases are diagnosed in women and 2K in men
- 41K women and 450 men will die from breast cancer

The risk of getting breast cancer goes up with age:

- Average age of women diagnosed is 61
- Men are typically diagnosed between 60 & 70

Breast Cancer Quality Measures:

- 112: Breast Cancer Screening
- 263: Pre-operative Diagnosis of Breast Cancer
- 144: Oncology Plan of Care for Pain

While regular screenings don't prevent breast cancer, they can make it easier to treat. Visit the [CDC website](#) for more information on cancer screening guidelines and recommendations.

QPP Resources: Now Available on CMS.gov

New resources from September and early October now available on the [QPP Resource Library](#):

- [2018 Quality Measures Impacted by ICD-10](#)
- [MIPS Measures and Activities for Anesthesiologists](#)
- [MIPS Measures and Activities for Cardiologists](#)
- [MIPS Measures and Activities for Radiologists](#)
- [QRDA III Implementation Guide for Eligible Professionals and Eligible Clinicians](#)

Ongoing Webinar Series: *The Opioid Safety Project*

Opioid abuse is a critical public health concern and a relevant topic for all providers and practices.

They're prescribed to relieve pain, but opioids can also have a soothing, euphoric effect that could lead to dependency. Misuse, overdose, and deaths have been increasing at disturbing rates. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **an average of 115 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.**

Telligen QIN-QIO and the American Medical Association will take a deeper dive into safely managing patients with opioids in a webinar series held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in December.

- **November 14, 2018: Psychologically-Integrated Approaches to Pain Management**
Presenter: Dr. Elie Aoun - American Psychiatric Association
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm CST
Registration Link: goo.gl/DXFJcZ
- **December 12, 2018: Patient and Family Perspectives**
Presenter: Jennifer Westlund - American Academy of Pain Medicine
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm CST
Registration Link: goo.gl/SzqZ6t

All opioid-related webinars will be recorded and posted on the [Telligen QIN-QIO website](#). For more information, contact Sandy Swallow sandy.swallow@area-d.hcqis.org or 515-223-2105.

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