



## Announcing HEC Talks!!!!!!!

To help our practices navigate the ins and outs of the new Medicare Quality Payment Program we have developed [HEC TALKS](#). These short **5-10 minute YouTube videos** were created in collaboration with Southeastern AHEC (SEAHEC) to help our practices get up to speed with the changes that **MACRA** has brought. These videos may be accessed from our [Practice Support webpage](#). After viewing please take a minute to answer our short two question survey. We want to know if the content is helpful to you and would also like you to suggest topics for future videos.

## Your Practice Support Consultants are here to help!

Contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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## QRUR – What’s that?

Although the **Cost category** (formerly known as the Value-Based Modifier) of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) will not factor into 2017 scoring, it is still important to view your **Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR)**. The Cost category will be used in 2018 to determine your payment adjustments. This will be calculated from adjusted claims.

The Value Modifier allocates a payment adjustment to physicians/groups to Medicare payments for items/services under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. **The QRUR report shows detailed performance data on the quality and cost measures.**

There are many benefits to viewing your QRUR. It can help providers identify opportunities to improve the care of patients attributed to their TIN. It can also help practices maximize payments by examining hospital admissions data and other cost information for their Medicare beneficiaries.

Still not convinced it will help you? Take a look at the wealth of information in your QRUR.

**To get started**, obtain an Enterprise Identity and Management System (EIDM) account. Then, access your QRURs. The link to both items can be found at <https://portal.cms.gov>.

## Invitation

**Event:** PCMH Q&A – “Wouldn’t You Like to Know?”

**Date:** Every other Thursday (Next call is April 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** 1-2 pm

Are you currently working on **Patient-Centered Medical Home?** Or maybe just thinking about it and you want to know more?

Every other Thursday the Charlotte AHEC Practice Support team hosts a Q&A call so that you can ask your PCMH questions or just find out how others are tackling the work of practice transformation.

Would you like to be invited? Email [Erin Cloutier](mailto:Erin.Cloutier@dhhs.nc.gov) to receive your invitation to **PCMH “Wouldn’t You Like to Know?”**

## Tips for Meaningful Use and MIPS

Don't forget

- Are there new providers in your practice? If your practice gives immunizations, make sure that a [registration](#) of intent has been completed for each provider. For Meaningful Use [objective 10, Public Health Reporting](#), all providers who are not eligible for the exclusion must attest to active engagement with the NCIR – Data Exchange. This must be completed with 60 days of the start of the reporting period. This is done just once. If a provider registered last year no further action is required until you are contacted by NCIR to start working on setting up the data exchange.



## NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Important Notice

“April is the **last** month to begin participating in the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program **and earn the first year payment of \$21,250**. Though the Program runs through 2021, providers must successfully attest at least once by April 30, 2017 in order to participate in future years. Eligible Medicaid providers have the opportunity to earn **\$63,750** over six years by meaningfully using their [CMS-certified](#) EHR. If you are an eligible Medicaid provider (physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, dentist and physician assistants working at a PA-led FQHC/RHC), have a certified EHR and have 30% Medicaid-enrolled patients, you can attest today!

**Submit your attestation on or before March 31, 2017 and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program staff will review your attestation before the end of the attestation tail period on April 30, 2017.**

There are resources to help you attest on [the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website](#) and attestation portal, [NC-MIPS](#). If you need more guidance, send an email to the Program’s dedicated help desk at [NCMedicaid.HIT@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:NCMedicaid.HIT@dhhs.nc.gov).

For more information about the program, visit <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm>.”

