



Are you MIPS Ready?????

The Quality Payment Program is! QPP will be accepting your MIPS data beginning January 2nd, 2018. Avoid the penalty! Call the AHEC Practice Support Team!



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Do not get stuck with a 4% reduction in Medicare payments in 2019. North Carolina Area Health Education Centers ([NC AHEC](#)) are working together to help small practices understand and enroll in the Quality Payment Program (QPP).

The NC AHEC practice support team understands the challenges in navigating the requirements of the new CMS Quality Payment Program. Our experienced practice transformation coaches are located near you to provide answers and guidance in being successful in the QPP Merit Based Incentive Program (MIPs).

Visit us at ncahec.net/practice-support/what-we-do/ to apply for on-site services from your local NC AHEC practice support team, or you can call 919-445-3508, or e-mail QPPsupport@ncahec.net for more options.

What's New? – MIPS **Highlights** for 2018

- Cost category weight will increase to 10% of MIPS score
- The performance threshold will be raised from 3 to 15 points
- Up to 5 **BONUS** points for treatment of complex patients (Based on HCC's and number of dual eligible patients treated)
- 5 **BONUS** points will be added to the final scores of small practices
- Allowing solo or small practices to form or join a Virtual Group
- Increase in the low volume threshold
 - Excluded from MIPS if \leq \$90,000 in part B allowed charges or \leq 200 Part B beneficiaries
- Quality category weight decreased to 50% of MIPS score
- Data completeness submission requirement increased to 60%
- Payment adjustments **-5%** to **+5%**

Seeking Primary Care Providers for Practice Excellence Project (PEP)

Charlotte AHEC is partnering with our State and Regional AHECs across North Carolina to assist primary care providers who are interested in practice transformation and capacity building to survive in the emerging value-based reimbursement environment.

The Charlotte AHEC team has provided operational, quality and analytics support for over 150 practices in the Charlotte region since 2010. We are well prepared to engage providers in this pilot project, at no charge to the practice, to identify priorities and to develop and implement a strategic plan to achieve their goals.

Give us a call today for more information on how to participate in this new no cost program!

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January is Cervical Health Awareness month

- Do a reminder/recall campaign for patients who are due for cervical screening or HPV immunizations
- Remind patients that most insurance plans cover yearly cervical cancer screenings at no cost
- Visit healthfinders.gov for more tips and information!

Register Now!

3rd Annual Coding Conference of the Carolinas

Date: February 3, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Where: Charlotte AHEC

Fees: \$175.00

Click [here](#) to register



What's your New Year's resolution?

- PCMH
- MIPS Score Improvement
- Increased Revenue
- EHR Optimization



Remember we are here to help and whatever your resolution may be the Charlotte AHEC Practice Support team wishes you all the best for a successful and **Happy New Year!**

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"Quality is everyone's responsibility and we never have to stop getting better"

- W. E. Deming

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