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DOCTORS ACO ★★★★★

5 Star Practice Newsletter

· ACO News plus tips for improving quality, efficiency, and revenue ·

Doctors ACO Receives a Perfect Quality Score!

We received our final 2016 Quality Performance Report and are pleased to announce, after bonuses for significant improvements over 2015, that Doctors ACO scored 100%. That's right, a perfect score! The score included the results of patient surveys, hospital readmission rates, and the internal GPRO audits that we conducted in each clinic.

Congratulations on practicing some of the highest quality medicine in the country!

**These results are embargoed to the general public.
Please do not share outside of the ACO.**

Quality accounts for 60% of your MIPS score in 2017!

WE ARE RECRUITING!

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Know a Primary Care Practice that would fit in with Doctors ACO? Let us know!

AWVs

We are more than halfway through the year, meaning you should have completed at least 40% of your eligible AWVs by now if you are going to reach our goal of 80% AWV completion this year!

Currently, only 2 practices had hit the 40% mark as of mid-June (our latest Medicare data).

Congrats to the Georgia Clinic (44%) and Dayton Internal Medicine (47%)!

The following practices have completed more than 30% of their AWVs:

- ◆ Athens Neighborhood Health Center
- ◆ Athens Family Medicine
- ◆ Athens Heart Center
- ◆ Beaver Creek Family Care Associates
- ◆ Clem Kirkland, MD
- ◆ Magnolia Medical Clinic
- ◆ Miguel Cossio, MD
- ◆ Pankaj Kumar, MD
- ◆ Prince Ave. Primary Care
- ◆ Progressive Internal Medicine
- ◆ Ronald Kahn, MD
- ◆ R.V. Dronavalli, MD
- ◆ Rockdale Newton Hematology/Oncology

There are still Primary Care clinics with less than 10% AWVs completed!

If you are behind on billing or are not billing the AWV codes, we are not able to analyze your data! Please talk with your provider consultant if you have questions about your numbers.

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Like GPRO, we report MIPS
as a group. Everyone must
pitch in to succeed!

PQRS

VBM

EHR/MU

Legacy programs



Cost 0%

- CMS will still score, based on claims
- 0% of MIPS score in 2017

MIPS

Not as scary as it seems!

Being in an ACO is going to make MIPS in 2017 a breeze! Of the 4 MIPS categories, individual clinics will only be responsible for 1: Advancing Care Information. This is what takes the place of Meaningful Use and specifically looks at how you use Electronic Health Records to share patient data with both the patients and their other providers. Click [here](#) to learn more about the measures.

The other 3 categories are Quality, Improvement Activities, and Cost. Cost is not counted for 2017 (0%), ACO members get an automatic 100% in the Improvement Activities category just for being a part of an ACO, and the final category, Quality, will be just like the GPRO data collections we've done every January in your clinics since the beginning of DACO. And remember, we got a perfect quality score in 2016!

The biggest thing to work on NOW is ensuring your patients have access to a Patient Portal through your EHR and that you use this Portal to transmit information outside of your clinic. You also must complete a [Security Risk Assessment](#) if you have not this year.

If we score well as a group on MIPS, you could be eligible for a 4% positive payment adjustment from Medicare. More money for the same work, just for being good docs!

Talk to your Provider Consultant for more guidance. And don't be scared, just get prepared!

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