

## Connecting the Dots with CMT

# Are you Ready for MACRA?

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Care Management Technologies (CMT), a Relias Learning company, has been active with its various partners throughout the country in preparing for the changes and nuances of the upcoming MACRA implementation. Below you will find key, essential information about MACRA...and how to be better prepared as this concept becomes a new reality.

The healthcare industry has become quite familiar by now with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its major impact on the way care has been delivered for decades, putting emphasis on patient-centered and value-based model of care that improves quality while reduces costs. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) has largely slipped under the radar, and yet it's bearing on the fee-for-service model and the overall delivery of care is just as meaningful and impactful if not more.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the *Medicare Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive*, released by CMS on April 27, 2016, solidifies the CMS intent to shift the delivery of care from volume to value by providing a range of incentives to the provider community.

[Read More about Eligible Clinicians, MIPS and APM](#)

### Who's a MIPS-Eligible Provider?

A **MIPS-eligible provider** is a *physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and a clinical nurse specialist*, and a *group* that includes specific criteria.

[Read More about Eligible Provider Criteria](#)

### It's Only Six Months Away!

Many physicians might not be fully aware of the magnitude and effect of the new reporting requirements set forth by the proposed rule. Moreover, the first MACRA performance period starts on January 1, 2017. This means we are only 6 months away from the implementation of the new quality and performance measures which will have enormous implications on how eligible physicians will get paid and, hence, on the physician's ability to sustain their practice overtime.

### CMT is Your Solution.

- CMT is a population health data analytics firm with a specific expertise in behavioral space.
- We support our clients with evidence-based measures that meet the requirements of the Federal and State regulations.
- CMT has a readily-available set of HEDIS, SAMSHA, NCQA, and other standards-based measures that keep our clients in compliance.
- Will issue a series of intelligence reports covering a broad range of topics, in an effort to bring awareness about MACRA and its impact.
- CMT's data analytics solutions are web-based, evidence-based serving payers and providers in achieving the Triple Aim - improving the quality and experience of care while lowering costs

Stay tuned for the next MACRA NPRM brief by CMT which will include a detailed discussion of each of the MIPS performance categories and learn how the work you are doing today in the areas of care coordination, patient-centered medical home, and population health will set you up for future

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