



Title / Event & Date	Description	Additional Information
News You Need to Know		
<p>Dear Doc Thank You Letter</p> 	<p>CMS Administrator Seema Verma issued an open letter to doctors on July 16, 2018, thanking the physician community in making a difference in patients’ lives and promising to reduce physician burden.</p> <p>We share feedback with CMS that ultimately is shared with Administrator Verma and other CMS executives – this letter is a great acknowledgment that your voices are heard!</p>	<p>Read the full letter Here</p>
<p>CMS Proposes Historic Changes to Modernize Medicare and Restore the Doctor-Patient Relationship</p> 	<p>On July 12, 2018, CMS issued a press release outlining proposed changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Quality Payment Program would streamline clinician billing and expand access to high-quality care.</p> <p>The proposed changes would increase the amount of time that doctors and other clinicians can spend with their patients by reducing the burden of paperwork that clinicians face when billing Medicare. The proposed rules would fundamentally improve the nation’s healthcare system and help restore the doctor-patient relationship by empowering clinicians to use their electronic health records (EHRs) to document clinically meaningful information, instead of information that is only for billing purposes.</p> <p>Public comments on the proposed rules are due by September 10, 2018</p>	<p>For a fact sheet on the CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule, please visit: LINK</p> <p>To view the CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule, please visit: LINK</p> <p>For a fact sheet on the CY 2019 Quality Payment Program proposed rule, please visit: LINK</p> <p>To view the CY 2019 Quality Payment Program proposed rule, please visit: LINK</p> <p>For a fact sheet on the Medicare Advantage Qualifying Payment Arrangement Incentive (MAQI) Demonstration, please visit: LINK</p> <p>A webinar sharing information on key aspect changes proposed for Year 3 of QPP is available Here</p>
<p>MIPS Targeted Review Request Deadline</p> <p>October 1, 2018</p> 	<p>If you believe an error has been made in your 2019 MIPS payment adjustment calculation, you can request a targeted review. Examples of circumstances for requesting this detailed review of your final score include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors or data quality issues on the measures and activities you submitted • Eligibility issues (e.g., you fall below the low-volume threshold and should not have received a payment adjustment) 	<p>Request a Targeted Review</p> <p>Additional Resources: MIPS Performance Feedback fact Sheet</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being erroneously excluded from the APM participation list and not being scored under APM scoring standard • Not being automatically reweighted even though you qualify for automatic reweighting due to the 2017 extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy 	QPP Resource Library
<p>Obtain EIDM Credentials for QPP</p> 	<p>A backlog of calls to CMS in March resulted in a delay in registration for accounts to submit MIPS measures. It is still possible to obtain EIDM user ID and password to access the QPP Portal where you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit MIPS performance data • Access 2017 MIPS scores • View MIPS performance feedback • Request a targeted review (see above) 	<p>Log in to the MCS Enterprise Portal, select “New User Registration” to create an EIDM account</p> <p>Use your new account to log in to the QPP Portal</p>
<p>Upcoming Events & Conferences</p> <p>A complete list of events can be found on our website at Events</p>		
<p>SWS 2018: Celebrating 50 Years of Education, Evolution & Excellence</p> <p>Hosted by: Southwestern School for Behavioral Health Studies</p> <p>August 12-16, 2018</p> <p>JW Marriot Hotel & Spa Tucson, AZ</p> 	<p>This four-day conference’s presentations cover all areas of behavioral health care across age, culture and gender groups.</p> <p>Pii will be presenting at this conference! Don’t miss our presentation on “Building Successful, Sustainable Integrated Care Models”</p>	<p>Register Now</p> <p>*Registration closes Friday, July 27 *</p> <p>Registration options include pre-conference sessions, a single day or the full conference</p> <p>Up to 36.75 hours of CME available and recognized by APA, NBCC, NAADAC, NASW AZ</p> <p>Conference Brochure</p>
<p>Tackling the Opioid Crisis: A Practical Approach to Understanding and Tackling the Problem</p> <p>Hosted by: American College of Physicians Arizona Chapter in collaboration with the Practice Innovation Institute (Pii)</p>	<p>Prescribing clinicians will discuss and learn best practices to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve prescribing and dispensing practices • Improve access to treatment • Medication Assisted Treatment programs • Reduce opioid deaths <p>Phoenix event is live/in person with broadcasts to other locations</p> <p>*** Time and Date are the same for all sites ***</p> <p>Further Information: Event Flyer</p>	<p>Register by location:</p> <p>Phoenix: U of A College of Medicine Flagstaff: North Country Healthcare Tucson: U of A College of Medicine Yuma: Yuma County Main Library</p> <p>There is no cost for this event</p> <p>Event has been approved for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</p>

<p>August 25, 2018 8:30am – 12pm</p> 		
<p>Fall Conference & Annual Meeting</p> <p>Hosted by: Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA)</p> <p>Desert Willow Conference Center</p> <p>October 3, 2018</p> 	<p>Integrating Care to Improve Public Health Outcomes: Primary Care Behavioral Health Public Health</p> <p>Explore efforts currently underway to integrate care and improve outcomes in Arizona as well as initiatives on the horizon to develop systems of care that best achieve the goals of Integrated Care.</p> <p>You'll leave with greater understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how providers are implementing new strategies to integrate care via AHCCCS' Targeted Investment Program • outcomes of co-located and integrated models of behavioral care as part of primary care • evidence-based toolkits to assist practices including ways to measure progress 	<p>Registration is now open</p> <p>Early Bird rates available through 8/31</p>
Webinars		
<p>AHCCCS Complete Care Training</p>	<p>AHCCCS Complete Care Training Presentation Available</p> <p>If you are an AHCCCS provider with specific questions about the AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC) integrated health plan changes starting October 1, watch AHCCCS' recorded video presentation, available on the ACC web page, and see Frequently Asked Questions for CRS members, American Indian members, and providers.</p>	
Rewards and Recognition		
	<p>Congratulations to the Pii practices who recently completed all 5 phases of transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB Family Care June 2018 • Mountain Park Health Center July 2018 <p>By completing the phases of transformation, these practices are prepared for successful participation in value-based, alternative payment arrangement programs.</p>	
	<p>Kuddos to True Care MD for integrating Patient Health Literacy (Metric 5) and Live Medication Management (Metric 6) into EVERY patient visit!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment outcomes are summarized and reviewed with patients and family members while patient and staff are still in the exam room • Visits conclude with a review of the patient's treatment plan and medication use • And every patient leaves with their next appointment on the calendar <p style="text-align: center;">**Way to go!!!**</p>	
Information for Practices Participating in AHCCCS' Targeted Investments Program		
<p>TI Core Component 2</p>	<p>**REMINDER**</p>	

<p>Due: 8/31/18</p>	<p>The first phase of Primary Care Core Component #2: “Identify members who are high-risk and develop an electronic registry” is due August 31, 2018</p> <p>Contact AHCCCS or your PTC for additional information</p>	
<p>TI Portal is OPEN</p> 	<p>TI program participants can now attest to completion of milestones and upload reporting documents.</p> <p>Attestation means incentive payments, so sign in and submit today!</p>	<p>Portal Instructions</p> <p>Portal Login</p>
Publications and Resources		
<p>Patient Education Resources: Opioid Facts Brochures – Pain Management, Dental Pain, Medication Disposal</p> 	<p>Download these free, customizable brochures from the University of Michigan’s Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network. These patient-centered materials provide basic facts about opioids, how to talk to a doctor about when and whether to use them and using alternative pain management.</p> <p>Brochures are also available for dental offices.</p> <p>Customize online using your practice logo and download for printing or order free prints from OPEN.</p>	<p>Download Here</p> <p>Explore Additional OPEN Resources</p>
Contact Pii		
	<p>Have a question? Do you have a story to share? Is there information you would like to see in our emails?</p> <p>Email: info@piiiaz.org</p>	

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