



Title / Event & Date	Description	Additional Information
News You Need to Know		
5 Phases of Transformation:	<p>The goal of Pii is to prepare participating clinicians (practices) for alternative payment models/value-based payment models. This is done by progressing through the 5 Phases of Transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: Setting Aims and developing basic capabilities • Phase 2: Reporting and using data to generate improvements • Phase 3: Achieving aims of lower costs, better care, and better health • Phase 4: Getting to benchmark status • Phase 5: Demonstrating capability to generate better care and better health at lower cost <p>Do you know what Phase you are in? Has it been more than 6 months since your last Pii assessment? Contact your PTC to learn more and schedule an assessment.</p>	<p>Pii PTCs (email contacts): Linda Benson Mary Anne Blanton Lisa Foti Griselda Kovrig Natasha McClain Giselle Mikel Suzanne Symons Kim Whisenhunt</p> <p>If you do not know who your PTC is, please email info@piiaz.org</p>
MIPS Targeted Review Request Deadline October 1, 2018 	<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) • 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 	<p>Request a Targeted Review</p> <p>Additional Resources: MIPS Performance Feedback fact Sheet QPP Resource Library</p>
Obtain EIDM Credentials for QPP 	<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>

Upcoming Events & Conferences

A complete list of events can be found on our website at [Events](#)

<p>Special Open Door Forum: Sharing Federal Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic</p> <p>Hosted by: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)</p> <p>August 15, 2018 10:30am – 12:00pm</p> 	<p>CMS will host a Special Open Door Forum (SODF) for opioid prescribers to educate them on federal resources and strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.</p> <p>This SODF brings together representatives from various federal agencies to discuss strategies and resources for safe prescribing as well as other opioid-related topics.</p> <p>Presenting agencies: CMS, CDC, FDA, SAMHSA, HHS</p>	<p>This event is a conference only</p> <p>Dial in: 800-857-1738 Conference #: 7785347</p> <p>Transcripts and audio recording will be available online following the forum</p> <p>Additional information: Here</p>
<p>Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics</p> <p>Hosted by: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)</p> <p>August 22, 2018 10:30am to 12:00pm</p> 	<p>Proposed changes to the CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule would increase the amount of time doctors and other clinicians spend with their patients by reducing the burden of Medicare paperwork. During this listening session, CMS experts will briefly cover three provisions from the proposed rule and address your clarifying questions to help you formulate your written comments for formal submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining Evaluation and Management (E/M) payment and reducing clinician burden • Advancing virtual care • Continuing to improve the Quality Payment Program to reduce clinician burden, focus on outcomes, and promote interoperability <p>Target Audience: Medicare Part B fee-for-service clinicians; office managers and administrators; state and national associations that represent healthcare providers; and other stakeholders</p>	<p>Register</p> <p>It is recommended the following are reviewed prior to joining the call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Rule • Slide presentation on E/M and Advancing Virtual Care • QPP Yr 3 Fact Sheet • QPP Yr 3 Slide Presentation
<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</p>	<p>Prescribing clinicians will discuss and learn best practices to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce opioid deaths • Improve access to treatment • Improve prescribing and dispensing practices • Utilize Medication Assisted Treatment options <p>Phoenix event is live/in person – attendees at regional locations participate through real-time</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>

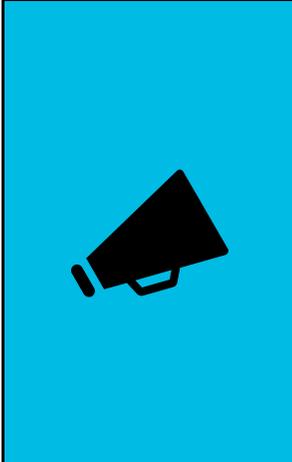
<p>collaboration with the Practice Innovation Institute (Pii)</p> <p>August 25, 2018 8:30am – 12pm</p>	<p>broadcasts from Phoenix with clinician leadership on-site.</p> <p>*** Time and Date are the same for all sites ***</p> <p>Further Information: Event Flyer</p>	<p>Event has been approved for a maximum of 3 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™</i></p>
<p>AZ4A 2018 Aging Summit: Aging Well in Arizona</p> <p>Hosted by: Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AZ4A)</p> <p>September 20-21, 2018</p> <p>Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West</p> 	<p>The AZ4A Aging Summit is Arizona’s premier gathering of aging network professionals, bringing together decision-makers, experts, advocates, and front-line aging service providers.</p> <p>The Summit will equip participants with new resources, information, and contacts to better serve Arizona’s population of older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers.</p> <p>The conference features expert speakers addressing topics relevant to Patient-Family Engagement, including cultural diversity, elder justice, healthy communities, policy and advocacy, and active living.</p>	<p>See event website for additional information and to register: Here</p>
Webinars		
<p>Practical Management of Hypertension in 2018</p> <p>Hosted by: The American College of Physicians (ACP) Support and Alignment Network (SAN)</p> <p>August 13, 2018 9:15am – 10:00am</p> 	<p>This free webinar will explore the prevalence and management of hypertension, current guidelines and practical management considerations.</p> <p>The webinar will be facilitated by Lawrence Ward, MD, MPH, FACP, Associate Professor of Medicine and Vice Chairman for Clinical Practice and Quality, Thomas Jefferson University.</p>	<p>Register Online (select the August 13 calendar page and follow registration directions) There is no cost for this event</p> <p>Additional Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and Initial Management of Hypertension • Management of Uncontrolled Hypertension
<p>Overview of Proposed Rule for Year 3 (2019) of the Quality Payment Program</p> <p>Hosted by: The Centers for Medicare</p>	<p>On July 27, 2018 CMS hosted a webinar providing an overview of the Proposed Rule for Year 3 of the QPP. Key aspects of the changes proposed for Year 3 of QPP (2019):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the definition of MIPS-eligible clinicians • Promoting greater HER interoperability and patient access 	<p>Materials and recording from the webinar are now available</p> <p>Webinar Slides Webinar Transcript Webinar Recording</p>

& Medicaid Services (CMS)



- Including the small practice bonus in the Quality performance category score of clinicians in small practices
- Updates to Advanced APM CEHRT threshold

Rewards and Recognition



The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) held their National Expert Panel (NEP) last week in Columbia, MD. The annual meeting brings together representatives (including practices and patients) from Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) and Support and Alignment Networks (SANs) across the nation to share successes in each of the networks and to identify pathways to achieving the aims of the TCPI program.

Dr. Gautam Aggarwal, Medical Director at Native Health, attended NEP along with other Pii staff. Dr. Aggarwal was able to represent an exemplary practice and to share his viewpoints from a physician perspective. Dr. Aggarwal spoke to several large groups during the meetings and was highly sought after for additional information.

Thank you Dr. Aggarwal for taking the time away from your practice to help make NEP a success and to represent Pii so well!!!

Targeted Investments Program News

TI Core Component 2



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**

Contact AHCCCS or your PTC for additional information

Attestation Portal Tutorial



Participants in TI are required to attest using the Attestation Portal.

To ensure user-readiness, the AHCCCS TI team is hosting a one-hour tutorial to guide you through the attestation and document upload process. The upload process will be the method used by AHCCCS to validate documents for attested Milestones.

AHCCCS recommends attending one of these sessions prior to submitting your documents.

Register for one of the tutorials:

[Aug 21st Session](#)
[September 4th Session](#)
[September 11th Session](#)

All sessions are 11am – noon

Publications and Resources

Patient Education Resources:
 Opioid Facts Brochures – Pain Management, Dental Pain, Medication Disposal

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.

Brochures are also available for dental offices.

Customize online using your practice logo and download for printing or order free prints from OPEN.

[Download Here](#)

[Explore Additional OPEN Resources](#)

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