## 5 Phases of Transformation:

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:

- **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

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.

### Pii PTCs (email contacts):
- Linda Benson
- Mary Anne Blanton
- Lisa Foti
- Griselda Kovrig
- Natasha McClain
- Giselle Mikel
- Suzanne Symons
- Kim Whisenhunt

If you do not know who your PTC is, please email info@piiaz.org

## MIPS Targeted Review Request Deadline

**October 1, 2018**

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:

- 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

### Request a Targeted Review

Additional Resources:
- MIPS Performance Feedback fact Sheet
- QPP Resource Library

## Obtain EIDM Credentials for QPP

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:

- Submit MIPS performance data
- Access 2017 MIPS scores
- View MIPS performance feedback
- Request a targeted review (see above)

Log in to the MCS Enterprise Portal, select “New User Registration” to create an EIDM account

Use your new account to log in to the QPP Portal
## Upcoming Events & Conferences

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

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<td><strong>Special Open Door Forum: Sharing Federal Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic</strong></td>
<td>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. This SODF brings together representatives from various federal agencies to discuss strategies and resources for safe prescribing as well as other opioid-related topics. Presenting agencies: CMS, CDC, FDA, SAMHSA, HHS.</td>
<td>August 15, 2018</td>
<td>10:30am – 12:00pm</td>
<td>This event is a conference only. Dial in: 800-857-1738 Conference #: 7785347. Transcripts and audio recording will be available online following the forum. Additional information: <a href="#">Here</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics</strong></td>
<td>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:  - 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  Target Audience: Medicare Part B fee-for-service clinicians; office managers and administrators; state and national associations that represent healthcare providers; and other stakeholders.</td>
<td>August 22, 2018</td>
<td>10:30am to 12:00pm</td>
<td>It is recommended the following are reviewed prior to joining the call:  - <a href="#">Proposed Rule</a>  - <a href="#">Slide presentation on E/M and Advancing Virtual Care</a>  - <a href="#">QPP Yr 3 Fact Sheet</a>  - <a href="#">QPP Yr 3 Slide Presentation</a></td>
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<td><strong>Tackling the Opioid Crisis: A Practical Approach to Understanding and Tackling the Problem</strong></td>
<td>Prescribing clinicians will discuss and learn best practices to:  - Reduce opioid deaths  - Improve access to treatment  - Improve prescribing and dispensing practices  - Utilize Medication Assisted Treatment options  Phoenix event is live/in person – attendees at regional locations participate through real-time.</td>
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<td>Register by location:  - <strong>Phoenix:</strong> U of A College of Medicine  - <strong>Flagstaff:</strong> North Country Healthcare  - <strong>Tucson:</strong> U of A College of Medicine  - <strong>Yuma:</strong> Yuma County Main Library</td>
<td>There is no cost for this event.</td>
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broadcasts from Phoenix with clinician leadership on-site.

*** Time and Date are the same for all sites ***

Further Information: Event Flyer

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.

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.

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.

See event website for additional information and to register: Here

### Webinars

**Practical Management of Hypertension in 2018**

Hosted by: The American College of Physicians (ACP) Support and Alignment Network (SAN)

August 13, 2018 9:15am – 10:00am

This free webinar will explore the prevalence and management of hypertension, current guidelines and practical management considerations.

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.

Register Online (select the August 13 calendar page and follow registration directions)

There is no cost for this event

Additional Materials
- Diagnosis and Initial Management of Hypertension
- Management of Uncontrolled Hypertension

**Overview of Proposed Rule for Year 3 (2019) of the Quality Payment Program**

Hosted by: The Centers for Medicare

Materials and recording from the webinar are now available

Webinar Slides
Webinar Transcript
Webinar Recording

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):

- Expanding the definition of MIPS-eligible clinicians
- Promoting greater HER interoperability and patient access

Event has been approved for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
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!!!
Have a question? Do you have a story to share? Is there information you would like to see in our emails?

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