Tips for Successful Participation in the Quality Payment Program 2018

**Know Your No-Cost Resources**

- Subscribe to the QPP listserv at [https://qpp.cms.gov](https://qpp.cms.gov) to stay informed of QPP and updates.
- Seek QPP assistance from your QIN-QIO or SURS contractor. **Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) QIN-QIO and SURS support:** 1.844.472.4227 or [HSAGQPPSupport@hsag.com](mailto:HSAGQPPSupport@hsag.com).
- Review HSAG’s QPP Support Center for resources and technical assistance [www.hsag.com/QPP](http://www.hsag.com/QPP).
- Register for Learning Forum Fridays (LFF) at [www.hsag.com/LFF](http://www.hsag.com/LFF).

**Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance**

- Check if you are required to submit MIPS data for 2018 by entering your National Provider Identifier (NPI) here: [https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup](https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup).
- Understand changes to your practice and how it affects your 2020 reimbursement rate.
- Review your cost report so you can plan for the 2018 cost.
- Identify your high-risk, high-cost patients and focus on prevention and care-management for them.
- Ensure your PECOS and EIDM accounts are current as changes occur.

**Know the MIPS Requirement for Each Category**

- **Pick, stick, and don’t switch** your measures!
- Weigh the pros and cons of submitting Individually or as a Group. Strategize to submit best performance.
- Understand Quality and Cost performance period is 12 months.
- Review the submission methods available for each category.
- Learn how you can earn bonus points.
- Upgrade your electronic health record (EHR) system early, if needed.
- No EHR? Find out how you can still participate by contacting HSAG.

**Review Reports and Goals Monthly**

- Monitor your performance in each MIPS category.
- Generate reports frequently, compare scores to the benchmarks, and implement quality improvement techniques.
- Involve your support and mid-level staff members in the MIPS progress. Review MIPS progress in your care team huddles.
- Higher score on each measure increases your chances of earning a positive payment adjustment.