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New Improvement Activities for the MIPS CY 2019 Performance Period & Future Years

Activity ID: IA_AHE_7

Activity Title: Comprehensive Eye Exams

Activity Weight: Medium

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must promote the importance of a comprehensive eye exam, which may be accomplished by providing literature and/or facilitating a conversation about this topic using resources such as the “Think About Your Eyes” campaign and/or referring patients to resources providing no-cost eye exams, such as the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s EyeCare America and the American Optometric Association’s VISION USA. This activity is intended for:

- (1) non-ophthalmologists/optometrist who refer patients to an ophthalmologist/optometrist;
- (2) ophthalmologists/optometrists caring for underserved patients at no cost; or
- (3) any clinician providing literature and/or resources on this topic. This activity must be targeted at underserved and/or high- risk populations that would benefit from engagement regarding their eye health with the aim of improving their access to comprehensive eye exams.

Activity ID: IA_BE_24

Activity Title: Financial Navigation Program

Activity Weight: Medium

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must attest that their practice provides financial counseling to patients or their caregiver about costs of care and an exploration of different payment options. The MIPS eligible clinician may accomplish this by working with other members of their practice (for example, financial counselor or patient navigator) as part of a team-based care approach in which members of the patient care team collaborate to support patient-centered goals. For example, a financial counselor could provide patients with resources with further information or support options, or facilitate a conversation with a patient or caregiver that could address concerns. This activity may occur during diagnosis stage, before treatment, during treatment, and/or during survivorship planning, as appropriate.

Activity ID: IA_BMH_10

Activity Title: Completion of Collaborate Care Management Training Program

Activity Weight: Medium

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must complete a collaborative care management training program, such as the American Psychological Association (APA) Collaborative Care Model training program available as part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI), available to the public,⁹³ in order to implement a collaborative care management approach that provides comprehensive training in the integration of behavioral health into the primary care practice.

Activity ID: IA_CC_18**Activity Title: Relationship-Centered Communication****Activity Weight: Medium**

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must participate in a minimum of eight hours of training on relationship-centered care tenets such as making effective open-ended inquiries; eliciting patient stories and perspectives; listening and responding with empathy; using the ART (ask, respond, tell) communication technique to engage patients, and developing a shared care plan.

The training may be conducted in formats such as, but not limited to: interactive simulations practicing the skills above, or didactic instructions on how to implement improvement action plans; monitor progress; and promote stability around improved clinician communication

Activity ID: IA_PSPA_31**Activity Title: Patient Medication Risk Education****Activity Weight: High**

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must provide both written and verbal education regarding the risks of concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine use for patients who are prescribed both benzodiazepines and opioids. Education must be completed for at least 75 percent of qualifying patients and occur: (1) at the time of initial co-prescribing and again following greater than 6 months of co-prescribing of benzodiazepines and opioids, or (2) at least once per MIPS performance period for patients taking concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine therapy.

Activity ID: IA_PSPA_32

Activity Title: Use of CDC Guideline for Clinical Decision Support to Prescribe Opioids for Chronic Pain via Clinical Decision Support

Activity Weight: High

Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, MIPS eligible clinicians must utilize the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain via clinical decision support (CDS). For CDS to be most effective, it needs to be built directly into the clinician workflow and support decision making on a specific patient at the point of care. Specific examples of how the guideline could be incorporated into a CDS workflow include but are not limited to: electronic health record (EHR)-based prescribing prompts, order can be entered, and prompts requiring review of guidelines before a subsequent action can be taken in the record.