Changes to Previously Adopted Improvement Activities for the MIPS CY 2019 Performance Period & Future Years

Activity ID: IA_CC_10
Activity Title: Care transition documentation practice improvements
Activity Weight: Medium
Change: Revised Language in activity description for clarity
New Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, a MIPS eligible clinician must document practices/processes for care transition with documentation of how a MIPS eligible clinician or group carried out an action plan for the patient with the patient's preferences in mind (that is, a "patient-centered" plan) during the first 30 days following a discharge. Examples of these practices/processes for care transition include: staff involved in the care transition; phone calls conducted in support of transition; accompaniments of patients to appointments or other navigation actions; home visits; patient information access to their medical records; real time communication between PCP and consulting clinicians; PCP included on specialist follow-up or transition communications.

Activity ID: IA_PM_13
Activity Title: Chronic Care and Preventative Care Management for Empaneled Patients
Activity Weight: Medium
Change: Revised Language in activity description, adding additional examples of evidence based, condition-specific pathways for care of chronic conditions.
New Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, a MIPS eligible clinician must manage chronic and preventive care for empaneled patients (that is, patients assigned to care teams for the purpose of population health management), which could include one or more of the following actions:

- Provide patients annually with an opportunity for development and/or adjustment of an individualized plan of care as appropriate to age and health status, including health risk appraisal; gender, age and condition-specific preventive care services; and plan of care for chronic conditions;
- Use evidence based, condition-specific pathways for care of chronic conditions (for example, hypertension, diabetes, depression, asthma, and heart failure). These might include, but are not limited to, the NCQA Diabetes Recognition Program (DRP) and the NCQA Heart/Stroke Recognition Program (HSRP).
- Use pre-visit planning, that is, preparations for conversations or actions to propose with patient before an in-office visit to optimize preventive care and team management of patients with chronic conditions;
- Use panel support tools, (that is, registry functionality) or other technology that can use clinical data to identify trends or data points in patient records to identify services due;
- Use predictive analytical models to predict risk, onset and progression of chronic diseases; and/or
- Use reminders and outreach (for example, phone calls, emails, postcards, patient portals, and community health workers where available) to alert and educate patients about services due; and/or routine medication reconciliation.

Activity ID: IA_PSPA_2
Activity Title: Participation in MOC Part IV
Activity Weight: Medium
Change: Revised Language in activity description, adding two examples of ways in which a MIPS EC can participate in MOC part IV.
New Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, a MIPS eligible clinician must participate in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV. MOC Part IV requires clinicians to perform monthly activities across practice to regularly assess performance by reviewing outcomes addressing identified areas for improvement and evaluating the results.

Some examples of activities that can be completed to receive MOC Part IV credit are: the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Approved Quality Improvement (AQI) Program, National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) Clinical Quality Coach, Quality Practice Initiative Certification Program, American Board of Medical Specialties Practice Performance Improvement Module or American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Simulation Education Network, for improving professional practice including participation in a local, regional or national outcomes registry or quality assessment program; specialty-specific activities including Safety Certification in Outpatient Practice Excellence (SCOPE); American Psychiatric Association (APA) Performance in Practice modules.

Activity ID: IA_PSPA_8
Activity Title: Use of Patient Safety Tools
Activity Weight: Medium
Change: Revised Language in activity description, adding the "Opiate Risk Tool (ORT), or other similar tools" as an additional example/category of an action that can be undertaken to meet the requirements of the activity.
New Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, a MIPS eligible clinician must use tools that assist specialty practices in tracking specific measures that are meaningful to their practice. Some examples of tools that could satisfy this activity are: a surgical risk calculator; evidence based protocols, such as Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols; the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guide for Infection Prevention for Outpatient Settings predictive algorithms; and the opiate risk tool (ORT) or similar tool.

Activity ID: IA_PSPA_17
Activity Title: Implementation of analytic capabilities to manage total cost of care for practice population
Activity Weight: Medium
Change: Revised Language in activity description, adding an example platform that uses available data to analyze opportunities to reduce cost through improved care.
New Activity Description: To receive credit for this activity, a MIPS eligible clinician must conduct or build the capacity to conduct analytic activities to manage total cost of care for the practice population. Examples of these activities could include:
- Train appropriate staff on interpretation of cost and utilization information;
- Use available data regularly to analyze opportunities to reduce cost through improved care. An example of a platform with the necessary analytic capability to do this is the American Society for Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy's GI Operations Benchmarking Platform.

Improvement Activity REMOVED from MIPS Year 3 (2019) Program Year

Activity ID: IA_PM_9
Activity Title: Participation in Population Health Research
Change: REMOVE activity from list. Duplicate to activity PM_17