

CMMI Perspective

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“Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) remains committed to making health care data flow more freely and securely among payers, providers, and patients”¹

- May 1, 2020: CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule²
 - **Requires certified Electronic Health Records to support standardized APIs that allow for secure data exchange** utilizing the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) standard
 - Enables data exchange between a provider and a patient’s chosen personal health app
 - Mandates support for data exchange across providers and with payers
 - CMS is exercising enforcement discretion with regard to payer-to-payer data exchange
- CMS is also:
 - Aligning with ONC’s **USCDI initiative**, which creates standardized vocabulary for core data elements
 - Exploring:
 - Use of technology tools to **streamline processes like prior authorization**³
 - Use of a **standards-based API** for price transparency efforts, using the HL7 FHIR standard

¹<https://www.cms.gov/blog/interoperability-and-connected-health-care-system>

²<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/01/2020-05050/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-interoperability-and>

³<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/18/2020-27593/medicaid-program-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-reducing-provider-and-patient-burden-by>

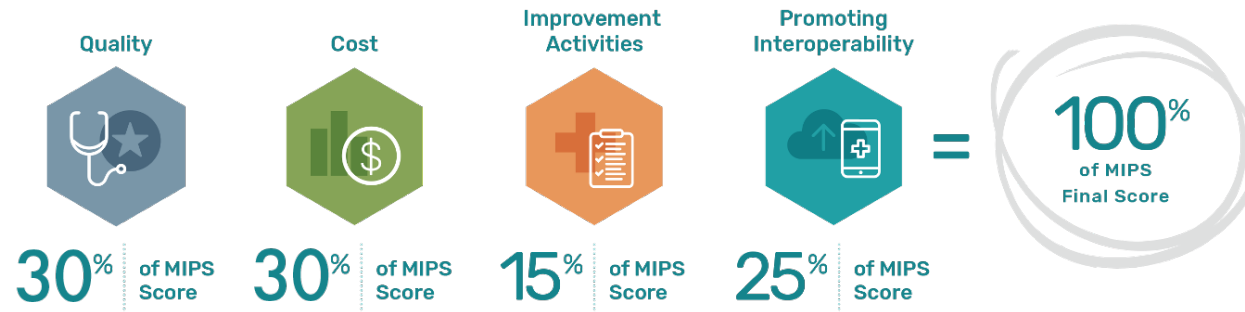
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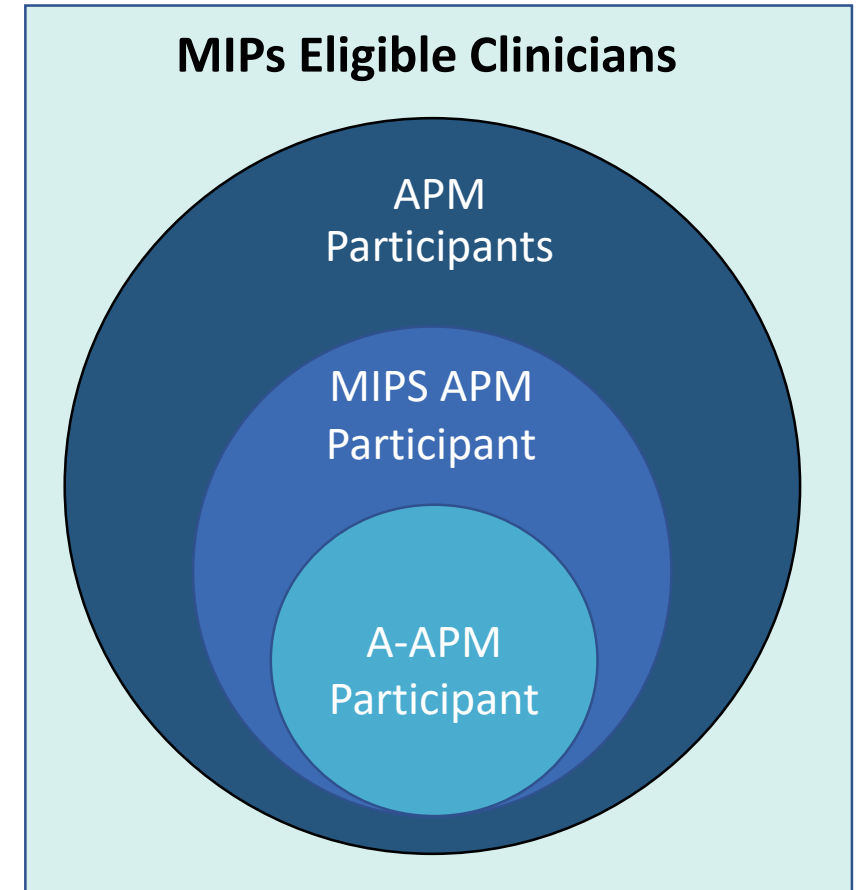
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- MIPS for 2022: determines if you receive a positive, negative, or neutral payment adjustment



- Promoting interoperability
 - 90-day reporting
 - **Use Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT)¹**
 - 4 Objectives:
 1. e-Prescribing;
 2. Health Information Exchange;
 3. Provider to Patient Exchange;
 4. Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange



¹Defined at 42 CFR § 414.1305

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Oncology Care Model (OCM)

1.8 million people annually diagnosed with cancer; a significant proportion are over 65 years

- 6-year voluntary model: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2022

126 participating practices
6,000+ practitioners
5 participating payers
Nearly **200,000** Medicare FFS beneficiaries/year

- Objective: Provide beneficiaries with **better care coordination to improve quality and decrease cost**
 - Implement six practice redesign activities to achieve **whole practice transformation**
 - Create two-part **financial incentive** with \$160 payment for Enhanced Services and potential for performance-based payment/recoupment based on savings and quality
 - Institute robust **quality** measurement
 - Engage **multiple payers** to transform care across the patient population

Practice Redesign Activities

1. Patient navigation
2. Care plan with 13 components based on IOM Care Management Plan
3. 24/7 access to clinician with real-time access to medical records
4. Use of therapies consistent with national guidelines
5. Data-driven continuous quality improvement
6. **Use of certified EHR technology**

Radiation Oncology (RO) Model

Congress prohibited implementation of the RO Model prior to January 1, 2023.

- The RO Model aims to improve the quality of care for cancer patients receiving radiotherapy and move toward a simplified, predictable, and site-neutral payment system.
- Required participation in areas that represent 30% of eligible RO episodes

Participation requirements include:

- clinical and quality data reporting
- care coordination requirements
- patient-centered care requirements
- **use certified EHR technology** (for Track One participants)
- participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization

Potential Future Models and Looking Ahead

- CMMI published an informal Request for Information in November 2019¹
 - The potential oncology model design included:
 - **Required use of CEHRT**
 - **Gradual implementation of electronic patient reported outcomes**
- CMMI strategy refresh



¹<https://innovation.cms.gov/files/x/ocf-informalrfi.pdf>

²<https://innovation.cms.gov/strategic-direction-whitepaper>

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