MACRA readiness checklist

The checklist below will help you begin to prepare your practice for the changes in 2017 and beyond.

**MIPS READINESS**

___ **Determine if you are eligible**
   - You have at least $30,000 in Medicare Part B allowed charges per year.
   - You see at least 100 Medicare patients per year.
   - This is not your first year as a Medicare Participating Provider.

___ **Determine how you will report**
   - MIPS reporting can be completed via a registry, an EHR, or a CMS portal. Evaluate the best approach for your practice.
   - Choose one of 3 reporting options for MIPS for 2017:
     * Submit data on at least one quality measure or one CPIA activity or 5 ACI measures for at least 90 days to avoid a penalty in 2019.
     * Submit data for at least 90 days on at least two quality measures or two CPIA activities or 6 ACI measures to obtain a neutral or small payment adjustment.
     * Submit data on all MIPS criteria for at least 90 days to receive a modest incentive.
   - If you are in a group, decide if you will report as a group or as individuals.

___ **Sign up for AAD’s DataDerm**
   Participation in a Qualified Clinical Data Registry such as DataDerm helps satisfy the quality reporting requirement and Clinical Practice Improvement Activity component of MIPS and data registry participation qualifies you for a bonus point in Advancing Care Information.

___ **Verify your EHR’s readiness**
   - Ask your EHR vendor if they ready to comply with MIPS.
   - Verify if your EHR is or will be certified according to 2015 standards by or before 2018.
   - Make sure your vendor will be able to accommodate your reporting needs if you choose to report required measures via your EHR.

___ **Begin participating in PQRS if you aren’t currently**
   PQRS requirements are similar to those for the quality reporting component of MIPS. Participating in the program now will help you ramp up for MIPS reporting as well as helping you avoid a penalty in 2018.

___ **Begin participating in Meaningful Use if you aren’t currently**
   The Advancing Care Information Component of MIPS evolves the current EHR Meaningful Use program. Participation in Meaningful Use will help you prepare for MIPS and avoid associated penalties in 2018.

___ **Review your QRUR report**
   This will tell you what your cost score will be. Under MIPS your cost score will be used to assess the cost component.

___ **Review CMS’s list of Clinical Practice Improvement Activities**
   Identify activities that are most relevant to your practice. You will need to select and complete two activities annually to get full credit for this MIPS component.

**ADVANCED APM PATHWAY**

___ **Determine if your APM satisfies the Advanced APM criteria**
   If you are participating in an advanced APM, determine if it satisfies MACRA requirements. If you are not in a qualified APM you must participate in MIPS beginning in 2017.

___ **If you are in an Advanced APM, determine if you are a qualified participant**
   To be considered a qualified participant you must meet thresholds for amount of payment from an Advanced APM or number of patients seen through an Advanced APM.

___ **Make sure your APM lists you as a qualified participant**
   If you think you are a qualified participant under an Advanced APM, verify with your APM’s administrators that you are included on the list they will submit to CMS.

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