

NEXT GENERATION ACO

Quality Reporting Frequently Asked Questions – 2019

1. What is an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM)?

An Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) is a track of the Quality Payment Program (QPP) that offers an incentive for achieving threshold levels of payments or patients through Advanced APMs.

NW Momentum Health Partners ACO (NWMHP) is an APM.

As a participating provider in our network, you are expected to be eligible to receive a 5% incentive payment in 2021, based on your 2019 participation.

2. Are Participants in an Advanced APM Exempt from MIPS?

While most providers will be subject to MIPS, those who participate in Advanced APMs and are determined to be Qualifying Participants (QPs), are exempt from MIPS.

If a provider or practice is not already in an Advanced APM or does not meet the other requirements by one of the APM snapshot dates, they will file under MIPS. The “snapshot” dates are March 31, June 30, and August 31.

2. How do I become a Qualifying Participant (QP)?

To become a QP, you must meet the minimum patient and payment thresholds required by the Advanced APM. As such, you must receive at least 50% of your Medicare Part B payments or see at least 35% of Medicare patients through an Advanced APM entity at one of the determination periods

3. How do providers in NWMHP report their quality?

Physicians of Southwest Washington (PSW), on behalf of NW Momentum Health Partners ACO, will work with participating providers to collect and report data as a ‘group’ by March 2020. Reported data is based on a sample patient set selected by CMS, as well as claims-based measures and patient surveys.

4. What should my practice be doing now to prepare?

Expect PSW to collect your clinical measures in the first quarter of 2020 for the 2019 performance year. If your practice has electronic health records, PSW requires remote access to your E.H.R.

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