

WHAT IS EQIP?

An introduction to the Episode Quality Improvement Program

EQIP INTRO

EQIP is a voluntary initiative aimed at enhancing the quality of care while reducing costs for Maryland Medicare patients. EQIP introduces an innovative approach that links healthcare payments to the quality and cost of services delivered during a clinical 'episode' within a defined time frame. These episodes encompass a relevant set of services related to a medical condition, procedure, or healthcare event.



In 2023, MedChi established ten EQIP entities with the primary objective of facilitating enhanced access to this program for small-scale practices. Our entities are open to all practitioners and free to join. We have also been working to group smaller practices to achieve economies of scale.

KEY OBJECTIVES



Financial Target Achievement

EQIP helps the state meet its financial targets within the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Model.

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Value-based Payment Framework Encourages more physicians to participate in a value-based payment framework, where they assume responsibility and share

in the rewards for reducing spending.



Multi-payer Alignment

Promotes the alignment of multiple payers within a value-based payment framework.

Expanded Episode Coverage

This program extends its coverage to include a wider range of episodes compared to previous models.

Access to Medicare's AAPM

EQIP broadens access to Medicare's Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) opportunity.

EQIP HAS SUCCESSFULLY ENROLLED:

50 EQIP partners and 1,979 care partners, representing....

32 different medical specialties who have saved...

\$20 million in the cost of care, with... 60% of these savings expected to fund physician incentive payments

If you are interested in becoming an EQIP partner or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact gransom@medchi.org or EQIP@crisphealth.org.

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