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**MARYLAND’S EPISODE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (EQIP)
ANNOUNCES UPCOMING OPEN ENROLLMENT**

A value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners

BALTIMORE – June 1, 2026 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is excited to announce that enrollment for the Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) will open June 29 and run through August 21, 2026.

Since its launch in 2022, EQIP has become a leading value-based care model in Maryland, rewarding practitioners for improving the quality of care and reducing the cost of care. EQIP has demonstrated strong results across its first three performance years. Most recently, EQIP achieved \$62.6 million in total cost-of-care savings in Performance Year 3 (CY2024) and distributed \$29.1 million in incentive payments to participants.

EQIP is a collaborative effort led by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), MedChi, and CRISP, the state-designated health information exchange. Together, these organizations work closely with practitioners and clinical experts across the State to expand participation in Advanced Alternative Payment Models (AAPMs) through EQIP.

In its sixth performance year, EQIP will offer more than 130 clinical episodes across a wide range of specialties, including Allergy / ENT, Behavioral Health, Cardiology / Vascular, Dermatology, Emergency Department, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery / Wound Care, Hematology / Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, Obstetrics / Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics / MSK, Pulmonary / Critical Care, Rheumatology, and Urology.

Practitioners and healthcare leaders are encouraged to visit the [EQIP Curriculum](#) on the CRISP Learning System to explore comprehensive learning modules designed to support successful participation.

“EQIP continues to demonstrate what is possible when physicians are empowered with the right tools, data, and support to improve patient outcomes while reducing unnecessary healthcare costs,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi. “The program’s continued growth and strong performance reflect the commitment of Maryland’s healthcare community to advancing high-quality, value-based care. We encourage practitioners across the state to explore the opportunities EQIP provides and consider participating in this important initiative.”

During the enrollment period, June 29 through August 21, 2026, both new and returning participants must apply through the EQIP Entity Portal (EEP). New participants are required to submit a [Pre-Enrollment Form](#) by August 7, 2026, to gain access to the full application.

For more information or assistance, please contact the CRISP EQIP Team at EQIP@crisphealth.org.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.medchi.org.

About CRISP

CRISP is the State Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Health Data Utility (HDU) for Maryland. CRISP is a non-profit organization that facilitates the electronic transfer of clinical information between disparate health information systems.