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MARYLAND’S EPISODE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, EQIP, IS NOW OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

A value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners

BALTIMORE – July 16, 2024 – MedChi is pleased to announce that enrollment for the fourth performance year of the Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) is now open. EQIP engages Maryland Medicare practitioners who care for Medicare beneficiaries in care transformation and value-based payment. Through the Episode Quality Improvement Program, physicians and other practitioners help the state meet its Medicare savings target under the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) model.

The Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) created EQIP for specialist practitioners in 2022. The program was developed in conjunction with MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and CRISP, Maryland’s state-designated HIE, with the input of physicians and other practitioners from across the state. CRISP administers the program under the guidance of HSCRC. An introduction to EQIP can be found on CRISP’s website: EQIP Learning System

EQIP is for all Maryland Practitioners, both general and specialists. This upcoming year, EQIP will be using the Patient Centered Episode System, or PACES, as the episode grouper. More information on PACES can be found on their website: The PACES Center. Episodes have been designed surrounding the following specialties: Allergy, Behavioral Health, Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pulmonary/Critical Care, Rheumatology, Urology, Emergency Department. However, there is no limitation to the type of specialist that wishes to enroll in one of the EQIP episodes.

Gene Ransom CEO of MedChi explained “EQIP is an amazing program for Maryland physicians, it allows access to an advanced payment bonus, while assisting the State of Maryland in meeting goals under the TCOC agreement. MedChi is ready and willing to help any practitioner who wishes to learn more or sign up for EQIP.”

The enrollment opportunity will close on Friday August 30, 2024. For more information, or to find out if you are eligible to participate, please reach out to EQIP@crisphealth.org.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland 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.