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MARYLAND’S EPISODE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, EQIP, GENERATED \$62.6 MILLION IN POSITIVE SAVINGS IN 2024

BALTIMORE – November 5, 2025 – CRISP, Maryland’s state-designated health information exchange, has announced the results of the third performance year (PY3) of the **Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP)**, a value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners. In calendar year 2024, EQIP generated \$62.6 million in gross savings, a 70.6 percent increase over the previous year. Of the 117 participating EQIP Entities, 67 met performance thresholds and qualified for shared savings, resulting in \$29.1 million in net distributions.

EQIP was established in 2022 by the **Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC)** and is administered by CRISP with support from **MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society**. The program is a key component of Maryland’s Total Cost of Care Model and was developed with input from clinicians and healthcare experts statewide.

Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO, states “The EQIP program continues to prove that Maryland’s model works. The Performance Year 3 results show real, measurable savings — real money going back to physicians who are driving better care and smarter spending. This is a big win for CMMI, HSCRC, and Maryland’s entire value-based care framework. We’re grateful to CRISP for their hard work and partnership in making EQIP a national example of how collaboration can deliver results.”

In PY3, EQIP welcomed 71 new entities, bringing total participation to 117. Collectively, these EQIP Entities managed 144,260 episodes of care, an increase of more than 83 percent compared to PY2. The program also expanded its clinical scope by introducing six new episodes, including a new category in pulmonology.

MedChi continues to play a key role in supporting EQIP through practitioner outreach, education, technical assistance, and advocacy. MedChi also provides administrative support to EQIP Entities, helping to expand participation in value-based care across Maryland.

EQIP will enter its fifth performance year in January 2026, offering 123 unique clinical episodes for participation. To learn more about EQIP, please visit www.medchi.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 designated Health Information Exchange (HIE) in Maryland. An HIE is a way of instantly sharing health information among doctors' offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, and other healthcare organizations. CRISP allows providers and organizations coordinating your care to view your medical history. For example, providers can review recent lab results or see information about your recent hospital encounters through CRISP tools. CRISP sharing information allows organizations to provide safer, more timely, and efficient patient-centered care. Security of all your health information is our top priority at CRISP. For more information, please visit www.crisphealth.org.