May 21, 2021 EQIP Subgroup Agenda

- CRP Entity Discussion
- Recruitment and Timeline for Performance Year One (2022) Discussion
- Overview of CRISP EQIP Entity Portal
- EQIP Next Steps
EQIP’s CRP Entity is The University of Maryland Medical Center

- The State has partnered with UMMC to enable EQIP as an Advanced Alternative Payment Model with CMS
- Any qualifying physician in Maryland will be allowed to participate in EQIP, regardless of previous contracting, relationship and/or privileges at UMMC
- UMMC’s main roles will be:
  1. Signing an individual Care Partner Arrangement with each participating Care Partner in the EQIP Entity, and,
  2. Printing checks for earned Incentive Payments to the EQIP Entity.
- The HSCRC and CRISP will facilitate interactions between UMMC and Care Partners/EQIP Entities
  - Policy decisions and operations support will remain transparent and set at the State level
  - Any changes to the policy will be made at the CRP Committee and EQIP stakeholder level
EQIP Roles – Definitions and Responsibilities

“CRP Entity” (UMMC)
- Signs a Care Partner Arrangement with all Care Partners
- Pays incentive payments or savings to EQIP entities

“EQIP Entity”
- Consists of an individual Care Partner or multiple Care Partners
- Performance evaluation occurs at the EQIP entity level
- Receives Incentive Payments

“Care Partner” (a specialty physician)
- Triggers episodes and performs EQIP care interventions
- Signs a Care Partner Arrangement with the CRP Entity
- Receives normal fee-schedule payments from Medicare and a potential “Incentive Payment” with the EQIP Entity
- Eligible to achieve Quality Payment Program Status and bonuses

HSCRC and CRISP
- Will calculate episodes, monitor performance and determine Incentive Payments
- Maintains reporting and monitoring requirements per the Participation Agreement and to support CRP Entity
- Will facilitate EQIP Entity and Care Partner Enrollment, Reporting and Learning Systems

Administrative Proxies (*)
EQIP Entities can delegate management of their program administration. This contractual arrangement, if any, will be determined between Administrative Proxy and Participant outside of Care Partner Arrangements.
• The CRP Entity will receive a list of:
  • Care Partners contacts who have been submitted for CMS vetting, used to generate Care Partner Arrangements (9/1-12/1/21),
  • EQIP Entities who elect participation in EQIP for PY1 and their Payment Remission Recipient, used to generate Care Partner Arrangements (9/1-12/1/21), and,
  • A final Incentive Payment list for EQIP Entity Payment (7/1/23).

• The CRP Entity will not have:
  • Protected Health Information
  • Access to EQIP Entity or Care Partner performance analytics

• All program data, inquiries and policy procedure will be managed by the State (HSCRC and CRISP), including CRP Entity operations.
Participation Requirements

Qualify as a Care Partner with CMS
- Must be licensed and enrolled in the **Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS)**
- Must use **CEHRT and CRISP**, Maryland’s health information exchange

Enroll in EQIP
- Establish **EQIP Entity** with **multiple Care Partners**
- **Select Episodes and Interventions** and agree to quality metrics*
- Each Care Partner Signs a **Care Partner Arrangement**
- Determine **Payment Remission Recipient***

Meet Episode Thresholds
- Provide care in **Maryland**
- For a **single episode**, **threshold = 11 episodes** in the baseline
- Across all **episodes of participation**, **threshold = 50 episodes** in the baseline

*All Care Partners in an EQIP Entity will share the same episodes, quality metrics and payment recipient.*
Participation Timeline

- EQIP will have an annual opportunity to enroll in EQIP. The enrollment period will open **July 9th through September 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2021.**
- The policy may be updated and participation opportunities increased year to year through HSCRC’s stakeholder engagement process.

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- Jan-Sept. Enrollment open for PY1
- PY1 July Incentive Payment Distribution
- PY2 July Incentive Payment Distribution
- PY1 90-day claims runout
- PY2 90-day claims runout
EQIP Entity Portal (EEP)
Timeline and Enrollment
Performance Year 1: EQIP Entity Portal (EEP) and Enrollment 2021 Timeline

- **May-June**
  - NOW-Aug
  - CRISP Reporting Service Access

- **July - Aug**
  - July 9th - Sept 1st
  - EQIP Entity Enrollment

- **Sep - Dec**
  - July 9th – Dec 31st
  - Episode Selection & Baseline Data
  - Sept - Dec
  - CMS Vetting and Care
  - Partner Contracting
Navigate to the EEP tool via the CRISP Reporting Services (CRS) Portal Login Page
  - CRS credentialing is unique from other CRISP services, (i.e. ULP and ENS)

For organizations new to CRS, you must sign a CRISP Participation Agreement (PA) and update their Notice of Privacy Practices documents
  - Organizations with multiple sites only require a single PA
  - This process can be started today, email EQIP@crisphealth.org

For organizations with existing CRS access, the EQIP Lead Care Partner Contact should contact the organization’s Point of Contact.
  - If you do not know your organization’s POC please reach out to: EQIP@crisphealth.org
  - Administrative proxies will also have to reach out to the organization Point of Contact for access, they will not be able to enter into their own PA
• EQIP Enrollment and EEP will open Friday, July 9th

• The A) Lead Care Partner Contact or B) Administrative Proxy can determine if Care Partner(s) are participating individually or with multiple care partners

• EQIP Entity will determine payment remission recipient

• Enrollment information will streamline CRP Entity Contracting and CMS vetting
• EQIP Entity will only be able to elect episodes and interventions for which they meet episode threshold standards
  • For a single episode, threshold = 11 episodes in the baseline
  • Across all episodes of participation, threshold = 50 episodes in the baseline

• Baseline data (volume, baseline cost, statewide rank) and opportunity analysis will be viewable
• EEP will provide transparency on individual Care Partner vetting status with CMS
  • If CMS status is ineligible, reason for exclusion will be noted
  • ***Reminder: All Care Partners must be licensed and enrolled in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS)

• Care Partner Arrangement Management will show current status and signature date of Care Partner Arrangement with the CRP Entity

CRP Entity (UMMC)
• Executes a Care Partner Arrangement with each individual Care Partner
  • Pays incentive payments to EQIP Entity
• Within EQIP Entity Portal participants will be directed to support if needed
  • CRS Helpdesk (EQIP@crisphealth.org)
  • User Guide
  • Link to CRISP Program Administration Site
    ▪ Register for Webinars
    ▪ View Office Hours
    ▪ Schedule One-on-one support
• CRISP and the HSCRC are working to provide real-time analytics dashboards for EQIP
  • This development will go live 3/1/2022
  • Includes: Episode insights, Incentive Payment calculation, Target Pricing (prelim avail 1/1/22, updated throughout year)
  • Stakeholders will inform the analytics available to EQIP Entities for participation

• Quality Reporting
• Learning System for EQIP Entities
## EQIP Timeline

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<td>• Operations, monitoring and learning system development finalized</td>
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<td><strong>May-June, 2021</strong></td>
<td>• EQIP Recruitment and information sessions</td>
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<td>• CRISP Credentialing and Enrollment for EEP</td>
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<td><strong>July 9th, 2021</strong></td>
<td>• EEP opens for enrollment</td>
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<td>• Technical Policy and Portal User Guides available</td>
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<td>• Baseline Episode experience available in EEP</td>
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<td><strong>Sept. 1st, 2021</strong></td>
<td>• Deadline to submit National Provider Identification (NPI) and other enrollment initiation information into EEP</td>
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<td>• Providers submitted to CMS for vetting</td>
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<td><strong>Dec. 1, 2021</strong></td>
<td>• Care Partner Arrangements and Payment Operations Finalized</td>
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<td>• CMS Vetting Status Available, Enrollment Finalized</td>
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<td><strong>Jan. 1, 2022 PY1 Start</strong></td>
<td>• Care Partner participation opportunity will be annual</td>
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<td><strong>Mar. 1, 2022</strong></td>
<td>• Performance analytics available, updated</td>
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<td>• Incentive Payments distributed</td>
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Next Steps and Thank You!

- **Contact:** [EQIP@crisphealth.org](mailto:EQIP@crisphealth.org)

- Please reach out if you would like to schedule a one-on-one demo or meeting about EQIP with your organization. Staff will be available to:
  - Walk through opportunity analysis, specific to your organization
  - Discuss any episode definitions
  - Answer specific questions

- **EQIP Subgroup Schedule**
  - Monthly every third Friday, 9-11am
  - Next meeting: June 18th, 2021, To be added to distribution list, email: [bfitzgerald@medchi.org](mailto:bfitzgerald@medchi.org)

- **Website:** [https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/Episode-Quality-Improvement-Program.aspx](https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/Episode-Quality-Improvement-Program.aspx)