

Time Sensitive Information for Providers

Ambulatory providers in Maryland should be aware of a number of new requirements and deadlines

License Renewals & Background Checks

October 1, 2016

- State Board of Physicians applicants and licensees are required to submit to Criminal History Records Checks (CHRCs), including fingerprinting, as a qualification for licensure.
- Creates new grounds for disciplinary action if a licensee fails to submit to a required CHRC.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

July 1, 2017

- Practitioners authorized to prescribe CDS in Maryland **must be registered with the PDMP.**
- This applies to physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, dentists, podiatrists and veterinarians. This mandate does not apply to nurses.
- Providers get free, online access through Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP)
- Prescribers may delegate healthcare staff to obtain CRISP user accounts and query PDMP data on their behalf.

July 1, 2018

- Prescribers must, with some exceptions, query and review their patient's PDMP data prior to initially prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine AND at least every 90 days thereafter as long as the course of treatment continues to include prescribing an opioid and benzodiazepine.
- Prescribers must also document the PDMP data query and review in the patient's medical record.

Quality Payment Program (MIPS/APM)

March 31, 2018

- Providers are part of a Quality Payment Program in 2017 if in an Advanced APM or if they bill Medicare more than \$30,000 a year AND provide care for more than 100 Medicare patients a year. Both the billing and the patient number thresholds must be met to be in the program.
- Performance data can be collected anytime between **January 1, 2017 and October 2, 2017**. This data must be submitted by March 31, 2018.
- The first payment adjustments based on performance go into effect on **January 1, 2019**. Please note that payment adjustments can be positive OR negative!

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