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## IMPACT UPDATE

MedChi's mission is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, patients, and the public health.



From the President...  
Padmini Ranasinghe, MD, President, MedChi

As we embark on the new legislative session, I am deeply honored and humbled by the profound sense of purpose and responsibility we share. Together, we have the power to shape the future of healthcare in Maryland. Our unwavering commitment to improving patient care, advancing public health, and elevating medical practice has always been our driving force. Ensuring that our voices resonate in the legislative arena is more crucial than ever.



From the CEO,  
Gene Ransom, III

The Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) is a value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners. EQIP engages practitioners in care transformation and value-based payment through an episode-based approach.

Practitioners in EQIP will implement care interventions to generate cost savings and improve the quality of patient

This year, we are particularly focused on the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. AI stands poised to revolutionize how we diagnose, treat, and manage patient care. It is imperative that we champion policies that foster the responsible development and deployment of AI technologies, with stringent privacy and security measures at their core.

To delve deeper into our ambitious goals for the 2025 legislative session, please click [here](#).

Your engagement and support are vital. By collaborating closely with our legislators, we can achieve remarkable progress in enhancing healthcare for all Marylanders. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

care surrounding specific clinical episode categories. Performance Year 4 (Calendar Year 2025) of EQIP will utilize the Patient-Centered Episode System (PACES) as its episode grouper.

The HSCRC has requested feedback from interested stakeholders on new EQIP episodes to hopefully add additional episodes and help more practitioners engage in value-based care programs in Maryland. More information on EQIP can be found here: [Understanding EQIP](#).

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