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

A value-based Medicare incentive payment opportunity for Maryland practitioners

BALTIMORE, July 23, 2025 – MedChi is excited to announce the Episode Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) is open for enrollment. EQIP engages practitioners who treat Maryland Medicare beneficiaries in care transformation and value-based payment through an episode-based approach. Through EQIP, practitioners have increased participation in Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APM) within the State and aligned with hospitals under the TCOC Model. In Performance Year 2 (Calendar Year 2023), EQIP generated \$36.7 million in positive savings.

The Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) created EQIP for practitioners in Medicare 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 practitioners and other clinical experts from across the State. CRISP administers the program under the guidance of HSCRC. Please visit the EQIP Curriculum on the CRISP Learning System to explore comprehensive learning modules consisting of brief videos, slide decks, and downloadable guides.

This upcoming year, EQIP will offer 123 Clinical Episodes from the following specialties: Allergy/ENT, Behavioral Health, Cardiology/Vascular, Dermatology, Emergency Department, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery/Wound Care, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics/MSK, Pulmonary/Critical Care, Rheumatology, and Urology. Although EQIP Episodes are organized by specialty, there is no limitation to the type of practitioner that wishes to enroll in EQIP under one of these episodes.

Gene Ransom CEO of MedChi explained “EQIP is one of the most physician-friendly value-based care programs in the country. It allows Maryland physicians and other practitioners to take meaningful steps toward improving quality while being rewarded for efficiency and patient outcomes. We strongly encourage all eligible professionals to enroll before the August deadline—this is a rare opportunity to lead transformation in Maryland’s healthcare system while directly benefiting your practice.”

The enrollment opportunity will close on Friday, August 29, 2025. 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. Visit www.crisphealth.org.