



## MedPAC: “Repeal and Replace” MIPS!

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The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) today discussed policy alternatives to MIPS. There was nearly unanimous consensus that MIPS should be “repealed” and “replaced.” Recommendations to Congress will be drafted for consideration at the December 7-8, 2017 meeting with a vote to occur at the January 11-12, 2018 meeting.

MedPAC staff presented its recommendation to eliminate MIPS and create a new voluntary value program whereby eligible clinicians would be measured on population-based measures assessing clinical quality, patient experience and value (similar to Advanced APMs). Click [here](#) for the slide presentation. Staff pointed to the burden on physicians, estimated to be \$1 billion in reporting costs for 2017, as well as the items being measured and statistical limitations as reasons to eliminate MIPS.

Most commissioners supported having staff continue to flesh out the recommendation. There also was some discussion about whether it would be feasible to eliminate MIPS without creating a new pathway, instead further incentivizing physicians to participate in MSSP or APMs. The Commissioners desired a greater understanding of whether there are significant barriers to entry to APMs.

The two options for replacing MIPS to be considered in December include:

- Create a new voluntary value program on population measures assessing clinical quality, patient experience and value (similar to Advanced APMs)
- Substantially change regulations regarding Advanced APMs to create a path that a majority of physicians could pursue

MedPAC may choose one or both of the options.

We will keep you informed of further developments.

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