



## HSAG and CalHIPSO Join Forces to Support Small Practices in CMS Quality Payment Program

On February 17, 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded a contract to Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) to help small practices prepare for and participate in the new Quality Payment Program (QPP), established by the Medicare Access and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

In California, HSAG is working with the California Health Information Partnership & Services Organization (CalHIPSO) to support small practices throughout the state. CalHIPSO brings years of experience providing technical assistance to practices, having helped more than 10,000 practices to implement EHRs and reach Meaningful Use. CalHIPSO will now bring that experience and infrastructure to bear on helping physicians adapt to the changes under the QPP.

This technical assistance, authorized and funded under MACRA, brings direct support to thousands of Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)-eligible clinicians in small practices with 15 or fewer clinicians, including small practices in rural locations, health professional shortage areas, and medically underserved areas across the country. The direct technical assistance is available immediately, at no cost to all MIPS eligible clinicians, and will deliver support for up to a five-year period.

HSAG and CalHIPSO will provide customized technical assistance to MIPS eligible clinicians as a part of the Small, Underserved, & Rural Support (SURS) program, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Quality Payment Program Technical Assistance Services
General QPP education and updates
A MIPS “Scoring Analysis Tool” to monitor progress and identify performance gaps
HSAG help desk support via phone, email, or webinar for questions about the QPP
Support selecting MIPS quality measures (QMs) and improvement activities (IAs)
Opportunity to participate in MIPS IAs through HSAG enrollment
Regular MIPS performance score reviews
Individual MIPS performance improvement plans and services
MIPS measure submission support
Review and analysis of the CMS MIPS feedback report
Evaluating practice readiness for joining an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM)

For more information, CalHIPSO can be reached at (888) 541-5759 or [info@calhipso.org](mailto:info@calhipso.org).

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