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Helpful Hints for the PTPN Outcomes Program

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MIPS and FOTO: Advantages for PTPN members

You're hearing a lot about MIPS right now, and amid all the noise one thing is clear: As a FOTO user for the PTPN Outcomes Program, you're at a clear advantage over other providers if you choose to or are required to participate in MIPS.



(PTPN's recent "Making Sense of MIPS" webinar is a detailed overview of what the program means for therapists. If you haven't viewed it yet, log on to ptpn.com and click on "MEDICARE" to access it.)

The first way you're ahead of the game is that the only MIPS-approved patient-reported outcome measures for PT/OT are FOTO measures - and you already have access to those measures, and the infrastructure to collect them via FOTO surveys.

Secondly, if you will be participating via a QCDR, the FOTO QCDR is available at a 20% discount to PTPN members. Plus, you can use FOTO for MIPS submission even if your EMR software doesn't have a full integration with FOTO. FOTO can import a standardized file format from your EMR.

For more details about MIPS and FOTO, view the PTPN MIPS webinar, [click here](#), or contact your FOTO rep.

CMS to release new value-based payment models

Despite some predictions to the contrary, officials of the federal government have signaled a renewed commitment to value-based care and alternative payment models.

At a meeting of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee meeting earlier this year, CMS Administrator Seema Verma said that CMS will be releasing new payment models. In addition, some of them will be mandatory.

As DHS Secretary Alex Azar explained, "We need strategies and models that provide better care at a lower price.... In some cases that's going to mean mandatory models from CMMI [the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation] and other mandatory reforms."

Future models will be focused on high cost areas such as end-stage renal disease, cancer care, chronic disease and other serious medical conditions, Verma said. It remains to be seen if and how therapy care will be affected by these programs. Whatever the requirements, rest assured that, as with MIPS, your experience collecting outcomes and measuring value via the PTPN Outcomes will put you a step ahead of other providers.