

The Medicare Care Management Performance Demonstration FACT SHEET

Section 649 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) requires the Secretary to establish a pay-for-performance 3-year demonstration with physicians to promote the adoption and use of health information technology to improve the quality of patient care for chronically ill Medicare patients. Doctors who meet or exceed performance standards established by CMS in clinical delivery systems and patient outcomes will receive a bonus payment for managing the care of eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

CMS is implementing the demonstration in the states of **California, Arkansas, Massachusetts and Utah**. Both rural and urban areas in each state are included to satisfy the legislative requirements. The demonstration is focused on solo and small to medium-sized physician practices. The QIOs assisted in the recruitment of physicians and will also provide technical assistance to participating practices.

Practices participating in the MCMP demonstration will be rewarded for reporting clinical quality data and meeting clinical performance standards for treating diabetes, congestive heart failure, and coronary artery disease. In addition, they will be measured and rewarded for how well they provide preventive services (immunizations, blood pressure screening and cancer screening) to high risk chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries. Table 1 provides a list of the 26 measures, all of which have been endorsed by a consensus process, which will be used in the demonstration.

The implementation of an electronic health record (EHR) and the ability to use it to facilitate the redesign of clinical practices can be critical in advancing opportunities to improve the quality of care. Therefore, under this demonstration physicians will be eligible to receive additional incentive payments for implementing a CCHIT-certified EHR and being able to demonstrate its functionality by reporting the clinical performance data electronically.

An independent evaluation of this demonstration will be conducted. In addition, the authorizing legislation requires that not later than 12 months after the date of completion of the demonstration program, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress.

Current Status

- Approximately 700 practices with 2200 physicians are participating in the demonstration.

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- The first performance period for the demonstration started start July 1.
- Baseline year (CY 2006) collection of clinical quality measures will begin later in the summer of 2007.

Table 1: Clinical Quality Measures in the MCMP Demonstration

Diabetes	Heart Failure	Coronary Artery Disease	Preventive Care <i>(measured on population with specified chronic diseases)</i>
DM-1 HbA1c Management	HF-1 Left Ventricular Function Assessment	CAD-1 Antiplatelet Therapy	PC-1 Blood Pressure Measurement
DM-2 HbA1c Control	HF-2 Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction Testing	CAD-2 Drug Therapy for Lowering LDL Cholesterol	PC-5 Breast Cancer Screening
DM-3 Blood Pressure Management	HF-3 Weight Measurement	CAD-3 Beta Blocker Therapy – Prior MI	PC-6 Colorectal Cancer Screening
DM-4 Lipid Measurement	HF-5 Patient Education	CAD-5 Lipid Profile	PC-7 Influenza Vaccination
DM-5 LDL Cholesterol Level	HF-6 Beta Blocker Therapy	CAD-6 LDL Cholesterol Level	PC-8 Pneumonia Vaccination
DM-6 Urine Protein Testing	HF-7 ACE Inhibitor/ARB Therapy	CAD-7 ACE Inhibitor/ARB Therapy	
DM-7 Eye Exam	HF-8 Warfarin Therapy for Patients with AF		
DM-8 Foot Exam			