
CMS Priorities in 2016: The Million Hearts Initiative and Transformation to Value-based Payment



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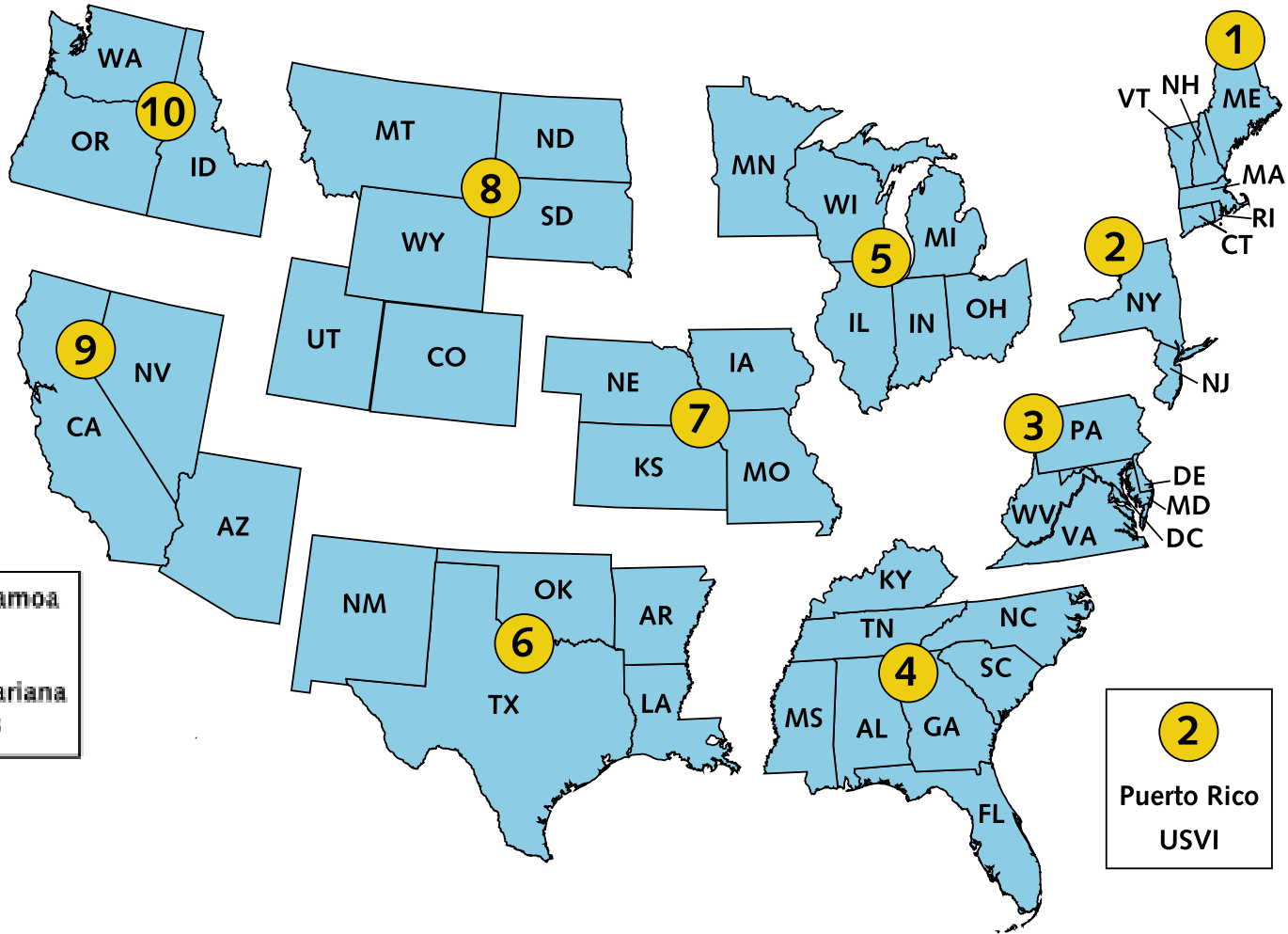
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Objectives

- Provide an overview of the Million Hearts Initiative
 - Goals of the Initiative
 - Current status
 - Review resources to achieve the goals of Million Hearts
 - Discuss measurement, and new models to incentivize population health management
- Next steps for Million Hearts Campaign
- A (brief) review of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA)

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Key CMS Priorities in health system transformation

3 goals for our health care system:

BETTER care
SMARTER spending
HEALTHIER people

Via a focus on 3 areas



Incentives



Care
Delivery



Information
Sharing

Affordable Care Act



MACRA

Historical state

Evolving future state

Public and Private sectors

Key characteristics

- Producer-centered
- Incentives for volume
- Unsustainable
- Fragmented Care

Systems and Policies

- Fee-For-Service Payment Systems



Key characteristics

- Patient-centered
- Incentives for outcomes
- Sustainable
- Coordinated care

Systems and Policies

- Value-based purchasing
- Accountable Care Organizations
- Episode-based payments
- Medical Homes
- Quality/cost transparency

How do we get there?

- Partnership for Patients
- New Models of Care & Payment to Support Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees
 - Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
 - Bundled Payments for Care Improvement
 - Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative & Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration
- Health Care Innovation Challenge & Innovation Center Grants
- The Million Hearts Initiative
- Value Based Purchasing

Million Hearts®

**Goal: Prevent 1 million heart attacks
and strokes by 2017**

- National initiative co-led by CDC and CMS
- In partnership with federal, state, and private organizations innovating and implementing
- To address the causes of 1.5M events and 800K deaths a year, \$312.6 B in annual health care costs and lost productivity and major disparities in outcomes



Key Components of Million Hearts®

Excelling in the ABCS
Optimizing care

Prioritizing
the ABCS



Health tools
and technology



Innovations in
care delivery



Keeping Us Healthy
Changing the context



Health Disparities

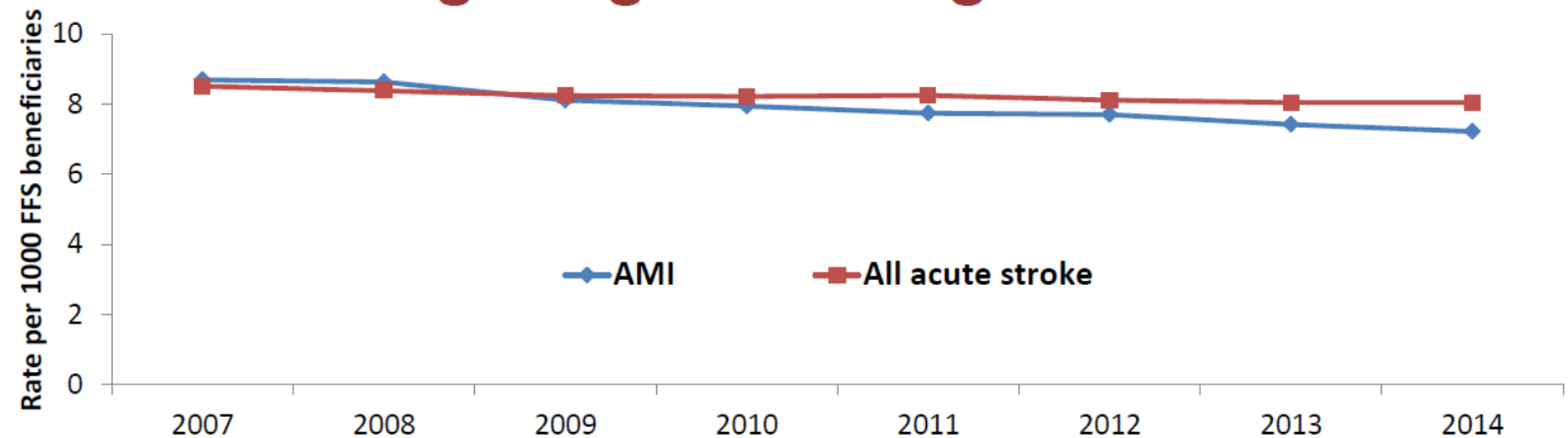
First Quarter 2016 Highlights

Key Strategies with Major Milestones

1. Recognize and Reward High Performers
2. Drive Use of Evidence-based Strategies
3. Reduce Disparities in CV Outcomes
4. Improve Collection, Reporting, Awareness of ABCS
5. Increase Adoption of Healthy Fed Food Guidelines
6. Encourage Food and Restaurant Industry to Reduce Sodium Content and Offer Consumers More Choices
7. Tell the Story of Impact



Monitoring Progress: Long-term Outcomes



*Rates are among those beneficiaries aged ≥65 years with Medicare Part A and B coverage and were adjusted to appropriately represent the number of full-time equivalent beneficiaries enrolled during the period and the 2010 Medicare population age distribution

- CMS claims data are available quarterly and annually
- ABCS, sodium, trans-fat, smoking prevalence must improve to impact CV event rates

Performance Indicators	Data Source	2011	2012	2013	2014
Medicare FFS acute MI & stroke hospitalization rates per 1000 beneficiaries*	CMS Dashboard	AMI: 7.74 Stroke: 8.25	AMI: 7.70 Stroke: 8.11	AMI: 7.42 Stroke: 8.04	AMI: 7.22 Stroke: 8.04
Overall Event Rate per 100,000 adults*	NIS, NEDS, NVSS	1249.6	1201.0†	Winter 2015	Winter 2016

*Standardized by age to the 2010 US Census population; †Amounts to 20,000 to 80,000 events prevented

Million Hearts® Participation

66,780

likes on Facebook



45,787

subscribers to the Million Hearts® e-Update



40M+

reached with hypertension protocol tools



96

public- and private-sector partners



1M+ visits to the Million Hearts® website



Million Hearts® Accomplishments to Date*

Changing the Environment

Reduce Smoking



Almost 4 million fewer cigarette smokers[†]

Reduce Sodium Intake



More than 2 billion meals/year will have reduced sodium[‡]

Eliminate Trans Fat Intake



Accomplished: FDA issued the final determination on artificial trans fat[§]

Optimizing Care in the Clinical Setting

Focus on the ABCS



Millions of Americans are covered by health care systems that are recognizing or rewarding performance in the ABCS^{**}

Health Tools and Technology



Over half a million patients have been identified as potentially having hypertension using health IT tools^{††}

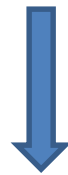
Innovations in Care Delivery



Millions of dollars in public and private funds have been leveraged to focus on improving the ABCS^{††}

What Will It Take to Prevent a Million?

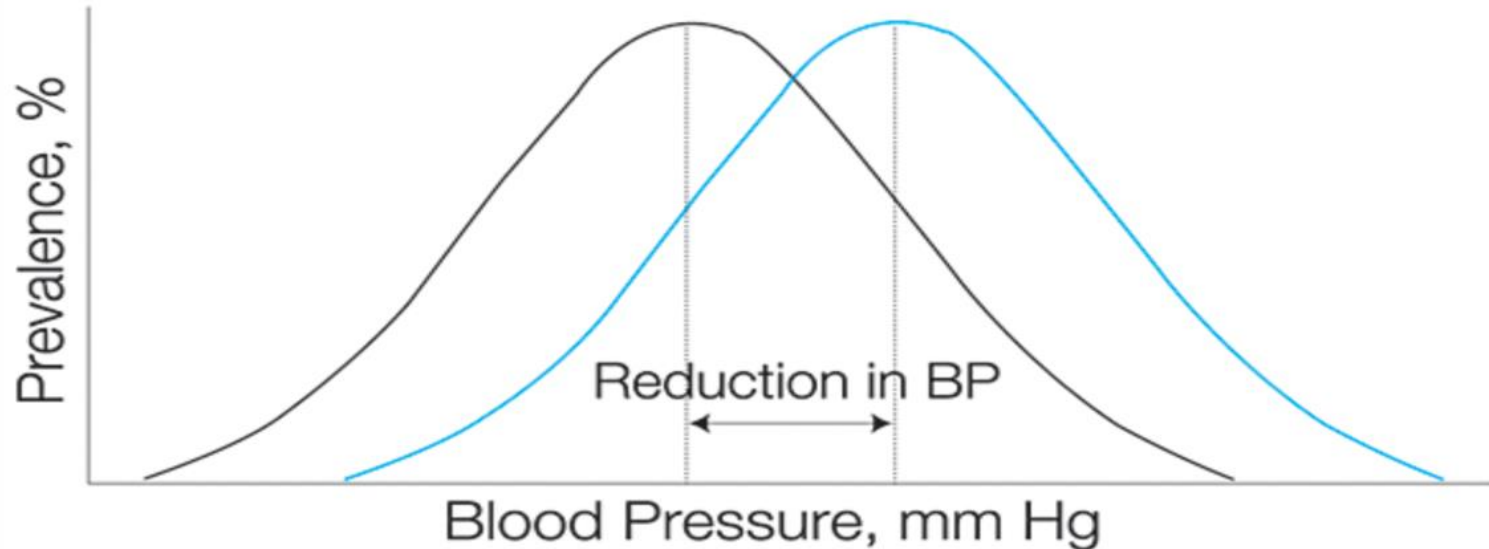
- 6.3 million smokers need to quit
- 10 million need to achieve consistent blood pressure control
- Reduce the intake of salt by 20% each day



- Knowledge Translation and Diffusion
- Create Incentives and Alignment
- Stakeholders in Action
- Measuring and Reporting Systematically
- Innovating and Implementing for Population Health
- Research: Understanding What Works and Why

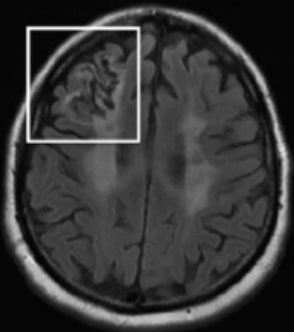
It Doesn't Take Much to Have a BIG Impact

Small Reductions in Systolic BP Can Save Many Lives



Reduction in BP, mm Hg	% Reduction in Mortality		
	Stroke	CHD	Total
2	-6	-4	-3
3	-8	-5	-4
5	-14	-9	-7

Public Health Burden of Stroke



Stroke is the Fifth Leading Cause of Death in the U.S.

- **6.8 million Americans** have had a known stroke; almost **800,000 new strokes** each year (~23% are recurrent strokes).
- The aging of the US population is on course to lead to a **21.9% increase in prevalence of stroke by 2030.**
- **Hypertension and atherosclerosis** are the most common **treatable risk factors for stroke, cognitive decline and dementia.**
- **“Silent strokes”** can be seen in 6% - 28% of older people, and are associated with cognitive decline and dementia.
- **White matter disease** can be seen in 40-80% of older people, and are associated with hypertension and risk of cognitive decline and dementia.
- Nearly half of people ≥ 65 years old have **cognitive deficits** 6 months after an ischemic stroke

Review of Evidence Linking Hypertension and Cognitive Decline/Dementia

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Original Investigation | October 2014

Midlife Hypertension and 20-Year Cognitive Change The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Neurocognitive Study

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Cardiovascular Health through Young Adulthood and Cognitive Functioning in Midlife

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Vascular risk factors and cognitive impairment in a stroke-free cohort

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Early Adult to Midlife Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Cognitive Function

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Articles

Framingham Offspring

Midlife vascular risk factor exposure accelerates structural brain aging and cognitive decline

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The Association Between Midlife Blood Pressure Levels and Late-Life Cognitive Function

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The Honolulu-Asia Aging Study

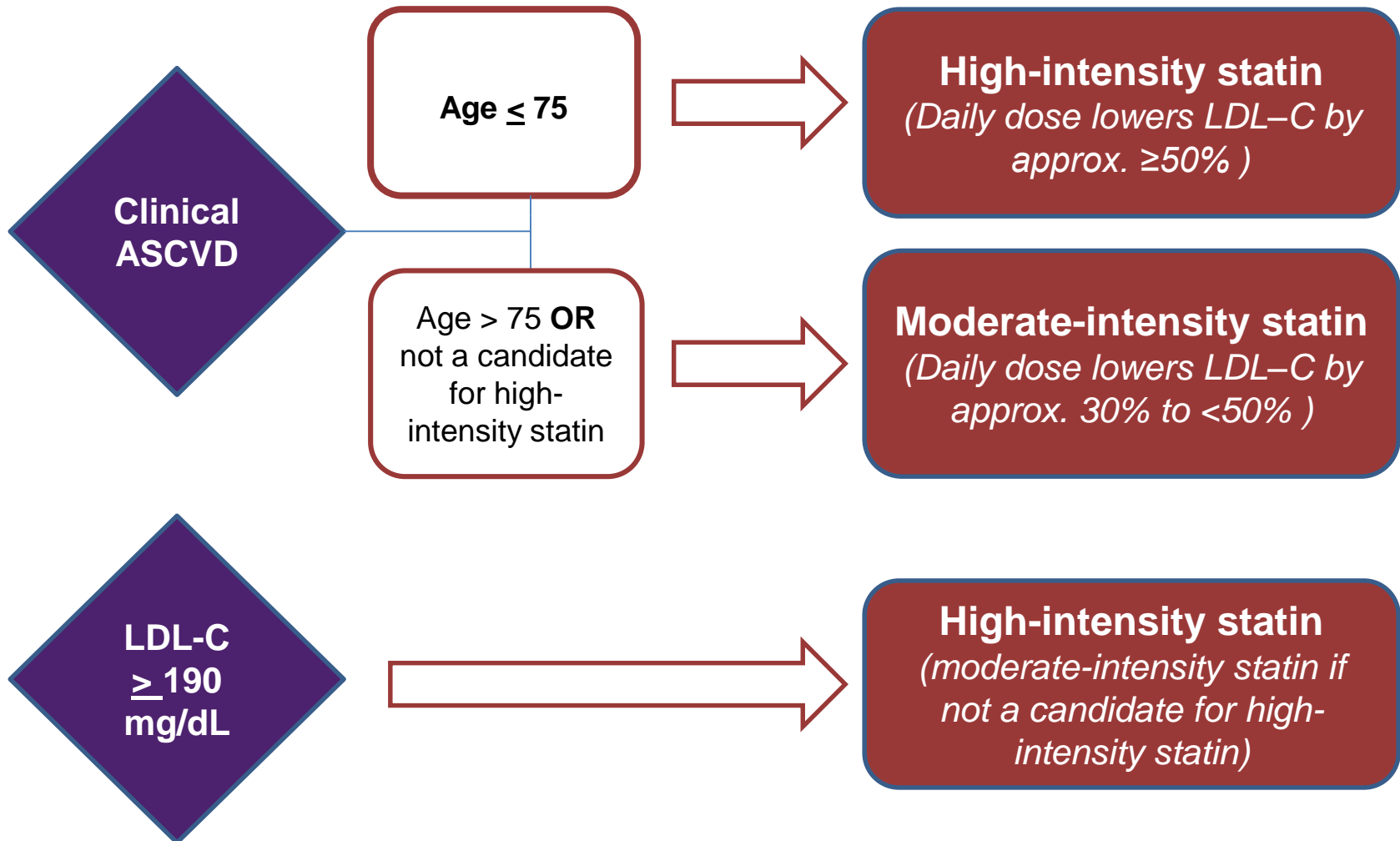
Lenore J. Launer, PhD; Kamal Masaki, MD; Helen Petrovitch, MD; Daniel Foley, MS; Richard J. Havlik, MD

+ countless reviews...

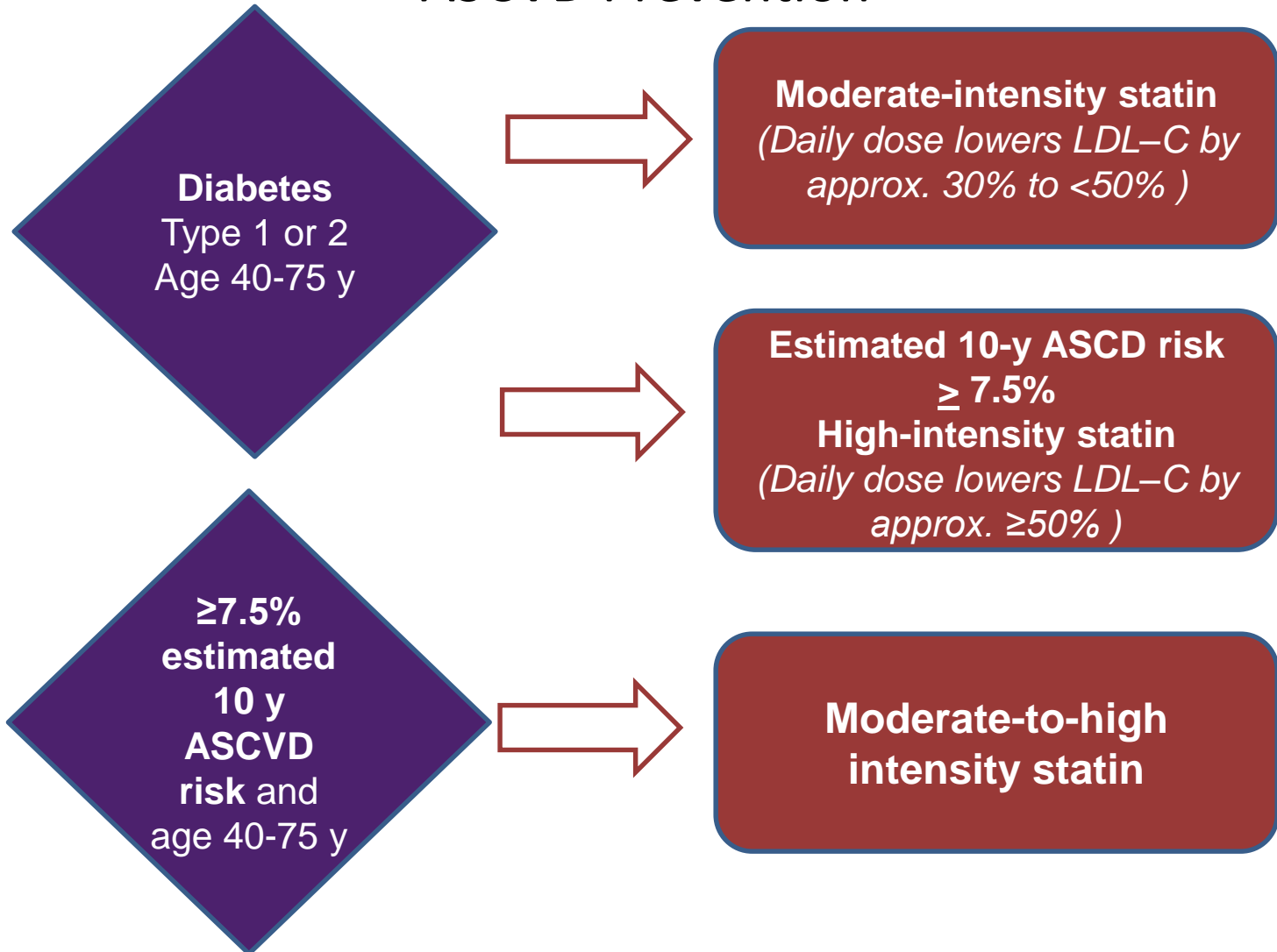
An important take-home message:

- Observational studies suggest a link between hypertension in mid-life and later cognitive decline.

Recommendations for Statin Therapy in ASCVD Prevention



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Comparison of Treatment Goals

	JNC 7	2014 Hypertension Guidelines
Adults (<60 years)	<140 / 90 mmHg	<140 / 90 mmHg
Adults (≥60 years)	<140 / 90 mmHg	<150 / 90 mmHg
Diabetes / Chronic Kidney Disease	<130 / 90 mmHg	<140 / 90 mmHg

- Current national performance measures use <140/90
- Some guidelines and reports include a treatment goal of <150/90 mmHg for those ≥80 years of age

AHA/ASA Recommendations Regarding Blood Pressure Lowering and Cognition

1. In patients with stroke, lowering blood pressure is effective for reducing the risk of post-stroke dementia (Class I, Level of Evidence: B).
2. There is reasonable evidence that, in middle-aged and young-elderly, lowering blood pressure can be useful for the prevention of late-life dementia (Class IIa, Level of Evidence: B).
3. The usefulness of lowering blood pressure in individuals age 80+ is not well-established (Class IIb, Level of Evidence: B)

Endorsements from other organizations:

- **American Society for Hypertension, Alzheimer's Association, AAN**
- **CDC** – Improving Population Blood Pressure Control for Brain and Heart Health (Public Health Reports)
- **WHO and Alzheimer's Disease International**– World Alzheimer's Report highlights vascular risk factors as important prevention targets for dementia

Protocol as the Team Playbook

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Name of Practice

Protocol for Controlling Hypertension in Adults¹

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Protocol-Based Treatment of Hypertension A Critical Step on the Pathway to Progress

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Elements Associated with Effective Implementation and Use of a Protocol *Insights from Key Stakeholders*

Simple, evidence-based treatment protocols are an essential tool for improving blood pressure control among practices and health care systems. To accelerate implementation of protocols, Million Hearts[®] convened a group of stakeholders that the use of protocols is key to their success in blood pressure control. This document is a compilation of comments from the stakeholder discussions in fall 2012 about adoption and use of protocols within their system. This document is a compilation of comments from the stakeholder discussions in fall 2012 about adoption and use of protocols within their system.



consider for hypertension and other conditions
artery disease/Post

ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT

Go AS, et al
High Blood Pressure Control

AHA/ACC/CDC Science Advisory

An Effective Approach to High Blood Pressure Control

A Science Advisory From the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

U.S. Age-Standardized Death Rates from Stroke by Race/Ethnicity 2000-2013

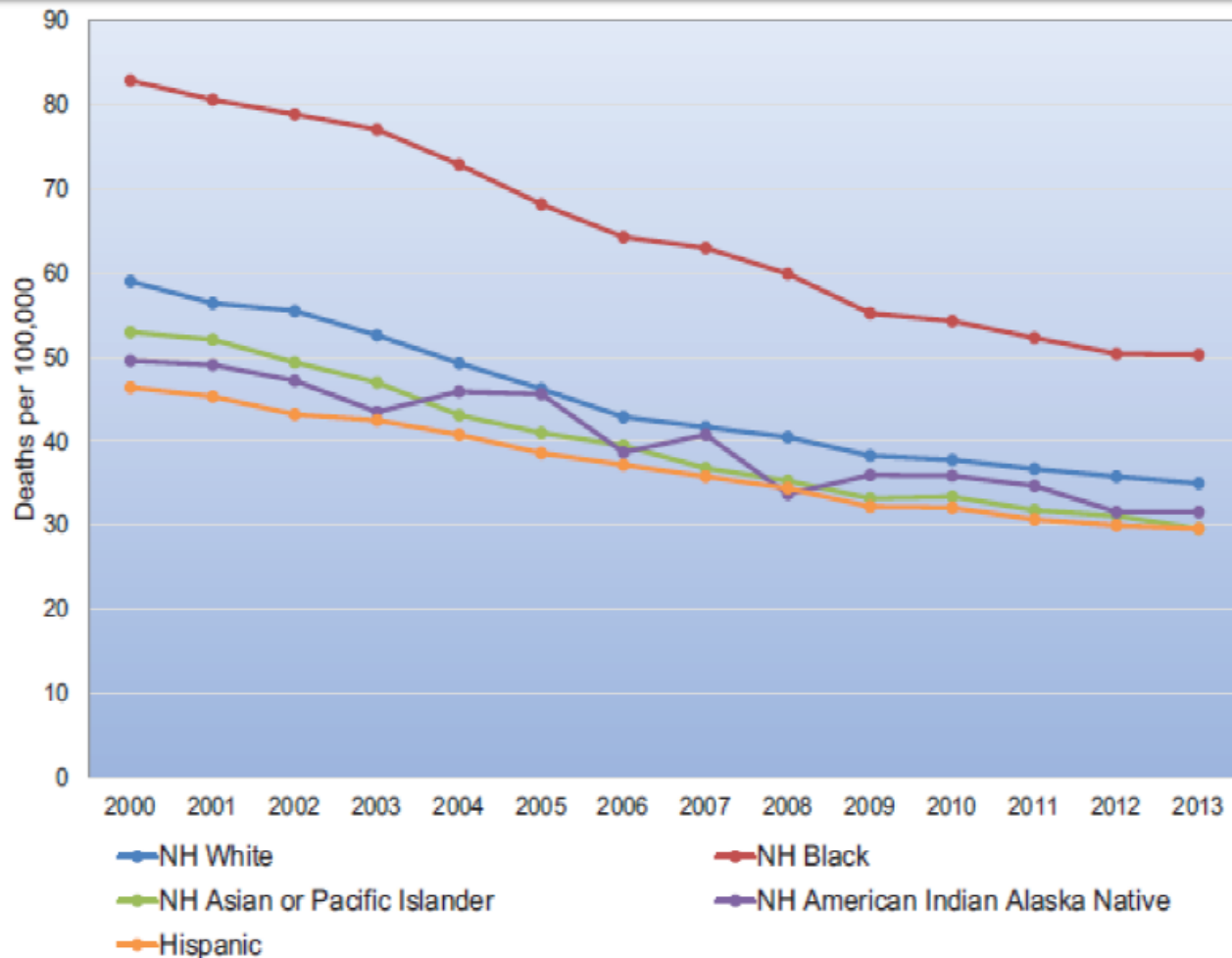


Chart 2-16. US age-standardized death rates* attributable to stroke by race/ethnicity, 2000 to 2013. NH indicates non-Hispanic. *Directly standardized to the age distribution of the 2000 US standard population. Stroke (all cerebrovascular disease): *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* I60 to I69. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.²⁵

CMS Health Equity Plan for Medicare



Priority 1: Expand the Collection, Reporting, and Analysis of **Standardized Data**



Priority 4: Increase the Ability of the **Health Care Workforce** to Meet the Needs of Vulnerable Populations



Priority 2: Evaluate **Disparities Impacts** and Integrate Equity Solutions Across CMS Programs



Priority 5: Improve **Communication & Language Access** for Individuals with LEP & Persons with Disabilities



Priority 3: Develop and Disseminate **Promising Approaches** to Reduce Health Disparities



Priority 6: Increase **Physical Accessibility** of Health Care Facilities

Million Hearts Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model will reward population-level risk management

- Heart attacks and strokes are **a leading cause of death and disability** in the United States
 - Prevention of cardiovascular disease can significantly reduce both CVD-related and all-cause mortality
- Participant responsibilities
 - Systematic beneficiary **risk calculation*** and stratification
 - **Shared decision making** and evidence-based **risk modification**
 - **Population health management** strategies
 - **Reporting of risk score** through certified data registry
- Eligible applicants
 - General/family practice, internal medicine, geriatric medicine, multi-specialty care, nephrology, cardiology
 - Private practices, community health centers, hospital-owned practices, hospital/physician organizations

Payment Model

- Pay-for-outcomes approach
- Disease risk assessment payment
 - One time payment to risk stratify eligible beneficiary
 - \$10 per beneficiary
- Care management payment
 - Monthly payment to support management, monitoring, and care of beneficiaries identified as high-risk
 - Amount varies based upon population-level risk reduction

*Uses American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (ACA/AHA) Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) 10-year pooled cohort risk calculator

ACC/AHA Pooled Cohort ASCVD Risk Estimator – Examples

The screenshot shows the ACC/AHA Pooled Cohort ASCVD Risk Estimator app interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Estimator, Clinicians, Patients, and About. The main header is "ASCVD Risk Estimator*". Below this, there are two columns of risk information: "10-Year ASCVD Risk" and "Lifetime ASCVD Risk". The 10-year risk is shown as 59.9% (calculated risk) and 7.8% (risk with optimal risk factors**). The lifetime risk section includes a warning icon and text: "Lifetime Risk Calculator only provides lifetime risk estimates for individuals 20 to 59 years of age." Below the risk information, there is a "Recommendation Based On Calcul..." button with a right arrow. The input fields are: HDL - Cholesterol (mg/dL) with a value of 46; Systolic Blood Pressure with a value of 150; Treatment for Hypertension with a toggle set to "Y"; and Diabetes with a toggle set to "Y".

How Risk Calculators Enhance High Value Care:

Joe Smith is a 65 year old African American man who smokes, has elevated cholesterol, and a borderline elevated blood pressure. His 10-year risk is 31.1% percent (high).

Alan Jones is a 66 year old white man with mildly elevated blood pressure (e.g. SBP 135 mm Hg), but no other risk factors, so his 10-year-risk is 11% (low).

Treating Joe Smith's blood pressure (traditionally valued the same by current one-size-fits-all measure) has a much larger impact on risk of ASCVD than treating Alan Jones's blood pressure

Model Design Framework

- 5 year Model Test
- Randomized Evaluation Design
 - Planned 360 control and 360 intervention practices, with built in 20 percent attrition anticipated
 - Roughly 150,000 Medicare FFS beneficiaries in each arm
- Programmatic Elements
 - Risk Stratified Care
 - Population Health Management
 - Shared Decision Making
 - Individual Risk Modification Planning
 - Team-Based Care
 - Quality and Clinical Data Reporting

Important Dates

<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Million-Hearts-CVDRRM/>

Call for applications renewed!

Registration is now open until April 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm EDT.
Interested applicants must submit a non-binding letter of intent (LOI) between April 4, 2016 and April 15, 2016 6:00 pm EDT.

Letters of intent will be used for CMS planning purposes only. The letter is not binding but must be submitted in order to access the application.

Looking Ahead: June, September, December 2016 Focused Actions

- Hypertension control
 - Increase use of self-measured BP monitoring and treatment protocols
 - Support processes to find those at risk, either undiagnosed or uncontrolled
- Smoking cessation
 - Facilitate use of tobacco cessation protocols and cessation action guide
- Sodium reduction
 - Advance adoption of procurement guidelines and disseminate healthy eating resources
- Cholesterol management
 - Post protocols and tools
 - Encourage implementation of statin measure across federal settings
- Cardiac rehab
 - Facilitate collective actions to increase referral, participation and completion
- Recognize high performers and disseminate their best practices
- Assist your efforts to tell the story of your impact and to ***finish strong***



What does it mean for you?

**THE
MEDICARE ACCESS &
CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2015**



What is “MACRA”?

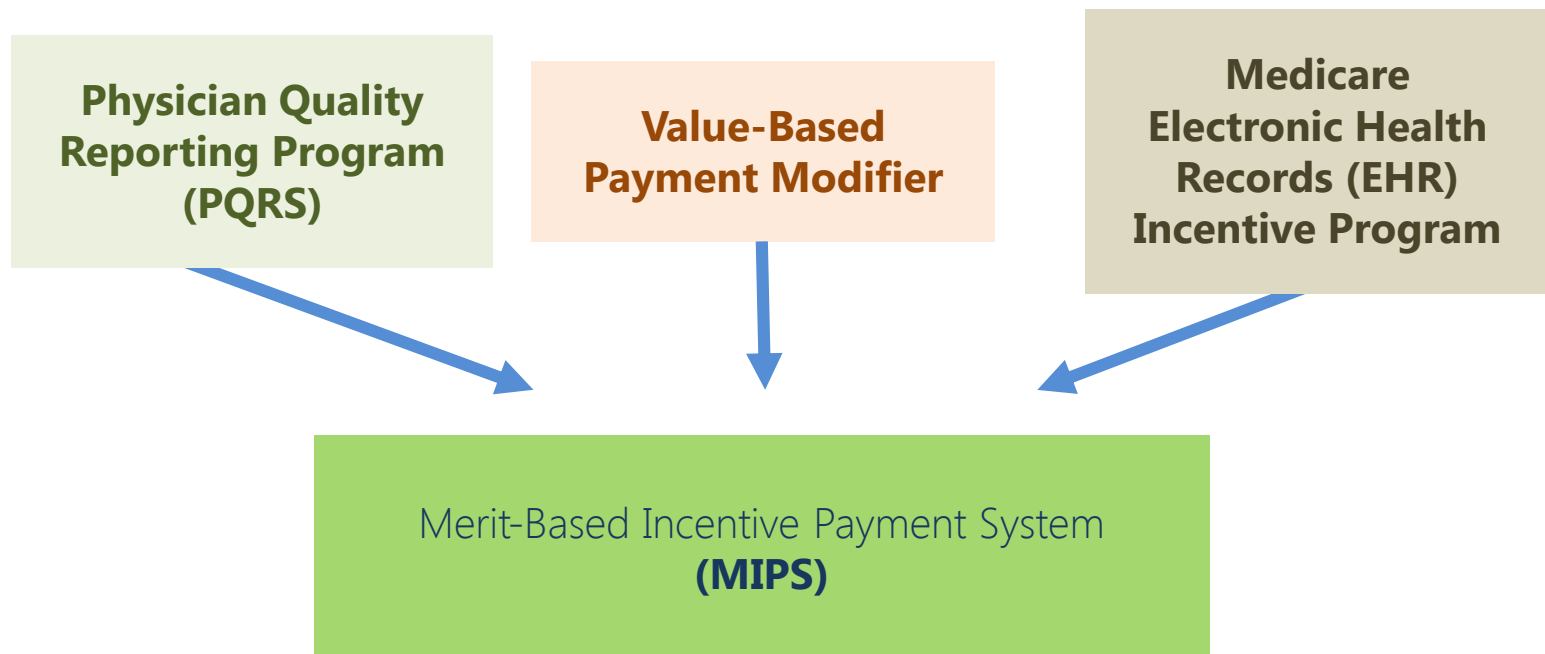
MACRA stands for the **Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015**, bipartisan legislation signed into law on April 16, 2015.

What does it do?

- **Repeals** the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Formula
- **Changes the way that Medicare pays clinicians** and establishes a new framework to reward clinicians for **value** over volume
- **Streamlines** multiple quality reporting programs into 1 new system (MIPS)
- **Provides bonus payments** for participation in **eligible alternative payment models (APMs)**

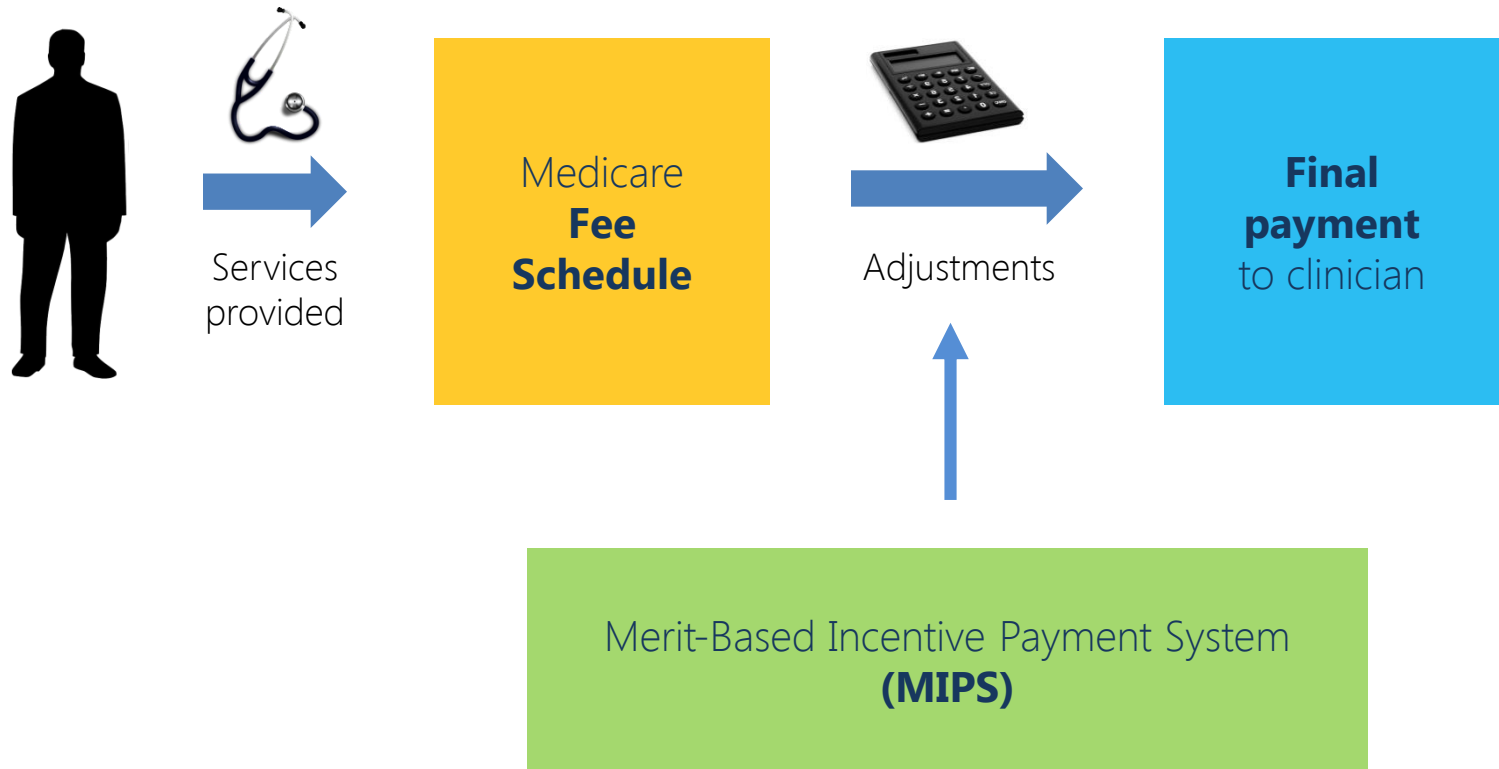
Medicare Reporting Prior to MACRA

MACRA streamlines these programs into **MIPS**.



MACRA changes how Medicare pays clinicians who participate in Medicare Part B

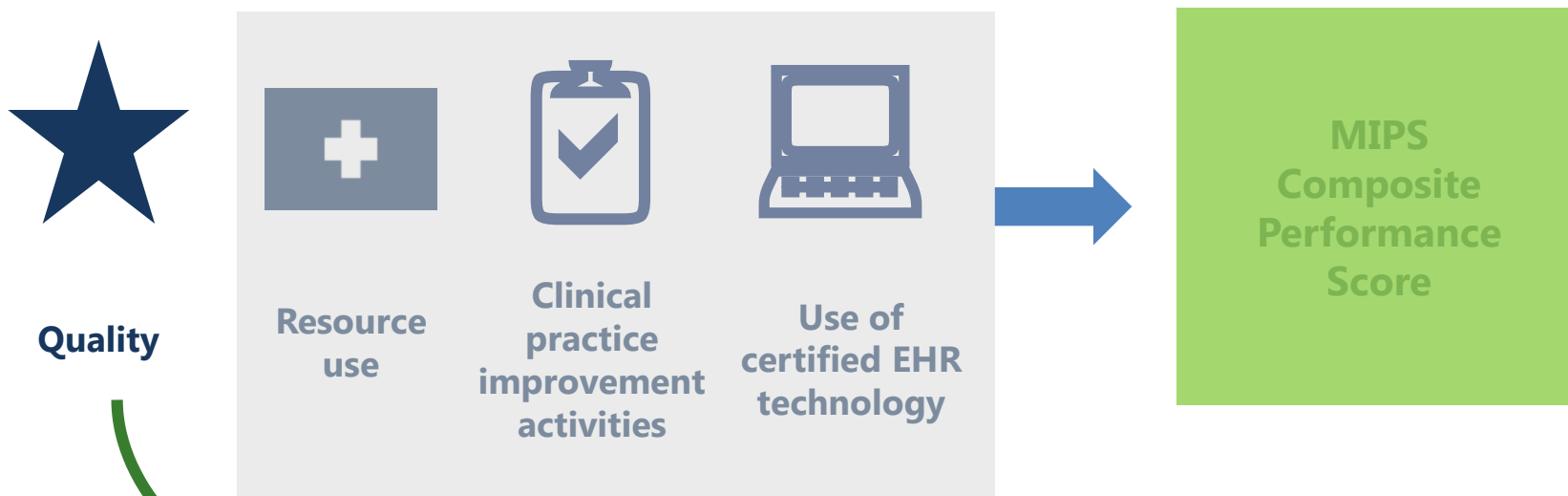
The system after **MACRA**:



**Or special lump sum bonuses through participation in eligible Alternative Payment Models*

What will determine my MIPS score?

The MIPS composite performance **score** will factor in performance in **4 weighted categories**:



Quality measures will be published in an **annual list*

clinicians will be **able to choose the measures on which they'll be evaluated*

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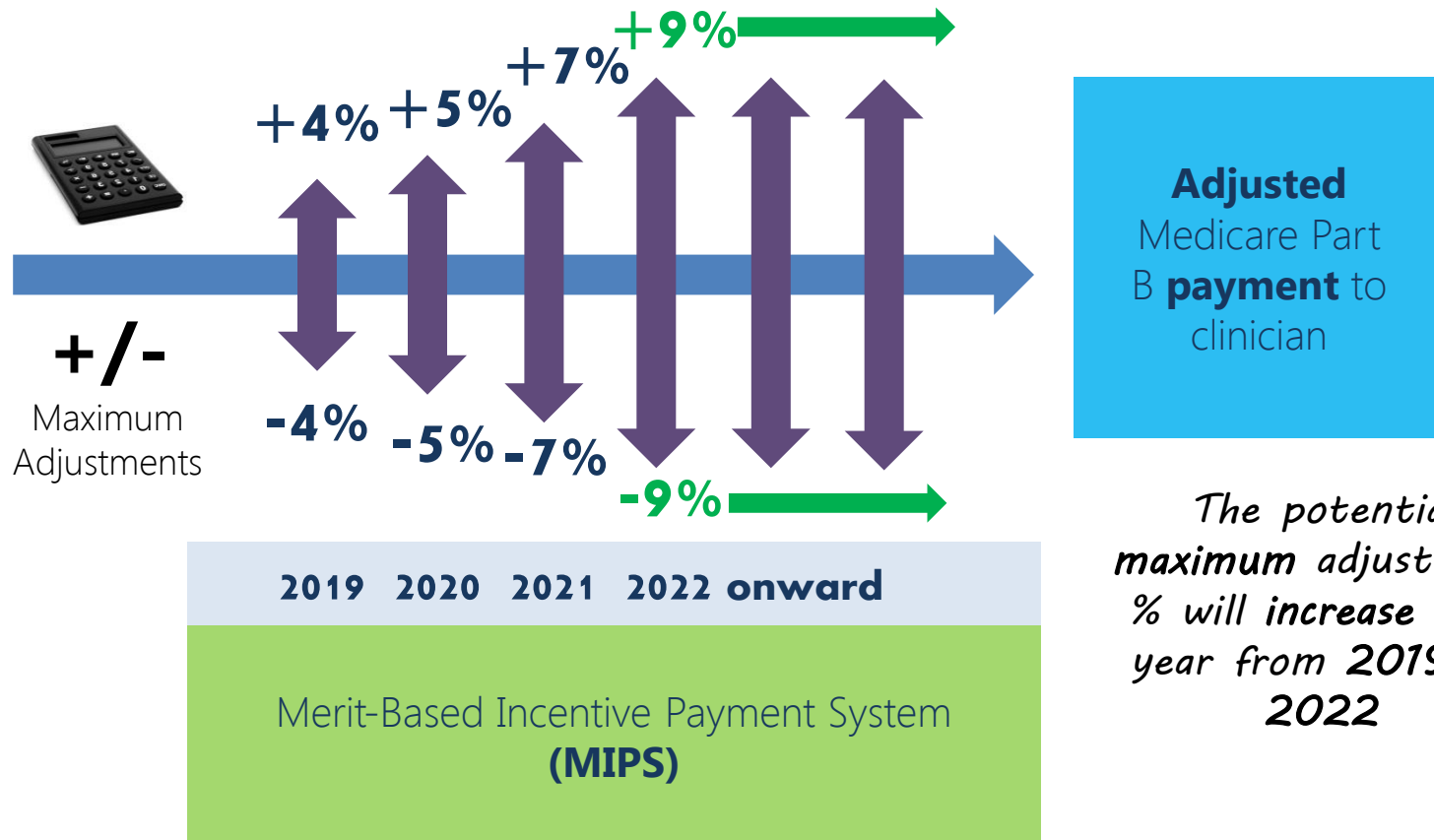


2019	50%	10%	15%	25%
2020	45%	15%	15%	25%
2021	30%	30%	15%	25%

% weights for quality and resource use are scheduled to adjust each year until 2021

How much can MIPS adjust payments?

Based on a composite performance score, clinicians will receive **+/- or neutral** adjustments **up to** the percentages below.



Are there any exceptions to participation in MIPS?

There are **3 groups** of clinicians who will NOT be subject to MIPS:



FIRST year of Medicare
Part B participation



Below **low patient**
volume threshold



Certain participants in
ELIGIBLE Alternative
Payment Models

Note: MIPS **does not** apply to hospitals or facilities

What is a Medicare Alternative Payment Model (APM)?

APMs are **new approaches to paying** for medical care through Medicare that **incentivize quality and value**.

As defined by
MACRA,
APMs
include:

- ✓ **CMS Innovation Center model**
(under section 1115A, other than a Health Care Innovation Award)
- ✓ **MSSP** (Medicare Shared Savings Program)
- ✓ **Demonstration** under the Health Care Quality Demonstration Program
- ✓ **Demonstration** required by federal law

“Eligible” APMs are the most advanced APMs.



As defined by MACRA, eligible APMs **must meet the following criteria:**

- ✓ **Base payment on quality** measures comparable to those in MIPS
- ✓ Require use of certified **EHR** technology
- ✓ Either **(1)** bear more than nominal **financial risk** for monetary losses **OR (2)** be a **medical home model** expanded under CMMI authority

TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- 1) MACRA **changes the way Medicare pays clinicians** and offers financial **incentives** for providing high **value** care.
- 2) Medicare **Part B clinicians** will participate in the **MIPS** program, unless they are in their 1st year of Part B participation, meet criteria for participation in certain **APMs**, or have a low volume of patients.
- 3) Payment adjustments and bonuses will begin in **2019**.
- 4) A **proposed rule** is targeted for spring 2016, with the **final rule** targeted for **fall 2016**.

What should I do to prepare for MACRA?

- Look for future educational activities
- Look for a proposed rule in spring 2016 and provide comments on the proposals.
- Final rule targeted for early fall 2016
- Consider collaborating with one of the TCPI Practice Transformation Networks or Support and Alignment Networks.

Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative



Support more than 140,000 clinicians in their practice transformation work



Improve health outcomes for millions of Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries and other patients



Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations for 5 million patients



Generate \$1 to \$4 billion in savings to the federal government and commercial payers



Sustain efficient care delivery by reducing unnecessary testing and procedures



Build the evidence base on practice transformation so that effective solutions can be scaled

Contact information for the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

<http://www.healthcarecommunities.org/CommunityNews/TCPI.aspx>

Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs) In Region 9

- Arizona Health-e Connection
- Children's Hospital of Orange County
- Local Initiative Health Authority of Los Angeles County
- National Rural Accountable Care Consortium
- Pacific Business Group on Health
- VHA/UHC Alliance Newco, Inc.

6 Key Benefits to Participating Clinicians

1. Optimize health outcomes for your patients
2. Promote connectedness of care for your patients
3. Learn from high performers how to effectively engage patients and families in care planning
4. More time spent caring for your patients
5. Stronger alignment with new and emerging federal policies
6. Opportunity to be a part of the national leadership in practice transformation efforts

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Measure Alignment Efforts

- CMS Draft Quality Measure Development Plan
 - Highlight known measurement gaps and develop strategy to address these
 - Promote harmonization and alignment across programs, care settings, and payers
 - Assist in prioritizing development and refinement of measures
 - Public Comment period closed March 1st, final report to be published in May
- Core Measures Sets released February 16th
 - ACOs, Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), and Primary Care
 - Cardiology
 - Gastroenterology <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/Core-Measures.html>
 - HIV and Hepatitis C
 - Medical Oncology
 - Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - Orthopedics
- CMS is already using measures from the each of the core sets
- Commercial health plans are rolling out the core measures as part of their contract cycle

References & Further Reading

Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network

<http://innovationgov.force.com/hcplan>

CMS Innovation Center

<https://innovation.cms.gov/>

CMS Draft Quality Measures Development Plan

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/Draft-CMS-Quality-Measure-Development-Plan-MDP.pdf>

MACRA: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs.html>

CMS Health Equity Plan

https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/OMH/OMH_Dwnld-CMS_EquityPlanforMedicare_090615.pdf

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