Primary Care Alternative Payment Model Methodology

What is the Primary Care Alternative Payment Model?

The Primary Care Alternative Payment Model (PC APM) aims to provide sustainable funding for primary care that rewards high value and high quality care that maintains flexibility, transparency and accountability for the Department and providers. The Department is utilizing a value-based payment model to adjust fee schedule rates on a limited set of codes based on each practice’s performance on selected measures.

Who Participates?

- All primary care practices that meet the criteria for being a primary care medical provider from the ACC Phase II RFP
- Each physical “brick and mortar” location is regarded as a separate practice, in alignment with the attribution policy for ACC Phase II
- Individual providers within a group practice are bundled with the practice
- Only ACC contracted primary care medical providers are eligible for enhanced reimbursement
- Exclusions:
  - Federally Qualified Health Centers
  - Rural Health Centers
  - Providers that have less than $30,000 in paid practitioner claims for procedure codes in the PC APM benefit package

How is performance evaluated?

- Practices are evaluated on improvement on up to ten measures that the practice selects
- The Department is using a point system to quantify each measure that a practice selects
- To earn the maximum available reimbursement, a provider needs to hit the performance target on six measures of average weight
• Practices that participate in SIM, CPC+, or PCMH are already required to pass similar measures, participants in these initiatives will receive 100% of the enhanced payment

**PC APM Timeline:**

- Practices choose measures: December 1, 2017
- 2018: Baseline measurement year
- 2019: Reporting period (ECQMS performance period)
- January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020: Six month calculation period
- July 1, 2020: Payments adjusted

**What to expect next?**

- A live webinar on May 24, 2017. Please register here
- Selection of measures, due on December 1, 2017
- Provider support materials

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