MACRA Implementation and Delivery System Reform: Implications for Specialty Practice

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Why create a program for specialists?

The average Medicare beneficiary…

- Sees 7 physicians per year
- Fills 20+ prescriptions per year
- Has an average of 2 referrals per year
The disconnect

PCPs report sending information 70% of the time

Specialists report receiving information 35% of the time

PCPs report receiving a report 62% of the time

Specialists report sending a report 81% of the time

The PCSP design

**Goal:** Enhance primary/specialist collaboration and coordination to benefit patients

Accommodates the range of roles that specialists play:

1. Consulting on patients
2. Evaluating and treating patients
3. Co-managing patients
4. Providing temporary/permanent care management for some patients

Practices are likely to have patients in each category

What is PCSP recognition?

PCSP recognition acknowledges specialty practices that demonstrate the highest level of care coordination, including:

- Streamlined referral processes
- Timely patient and caregiver-focused care management
- Continuous clinical quality improvement

MACRA and PCSP

- 100% automatic credit for CPIA
- PCSP transformation should result in:
  - Higher quality scores
  - Lower resource use
  - Higher Advancing Care Information (ACI) scores
- PCSP transformation prepares practices for success as part of Advanced APM