



The Clinically Integrated Network: Helping You Navigate Medicare Quality Reporting

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Background on Current Part B Reporting Requirements

Current programs, their impacts and what it means to you – CIN membership or no

PQRS

- Required quality reporting for Medicare patients
- Options to report if individual, group or MSSP participant (GRPO if CIN member)
- **Part B impact:** potential -2%

EHR Incentive Program

- Ties a payment incentive to providers and hospitals who adopt, implement upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of a certified EHR
- PQRS data are used as part of the program
- **Part B impact:** potential -2% and -3% in 2016, and 2017 respectively

Value Modifier

- PQRS quality submissions AND provider-level cost data = value modifier
- **Part B impact:** potential +/- 4%

↑ Existing Programs

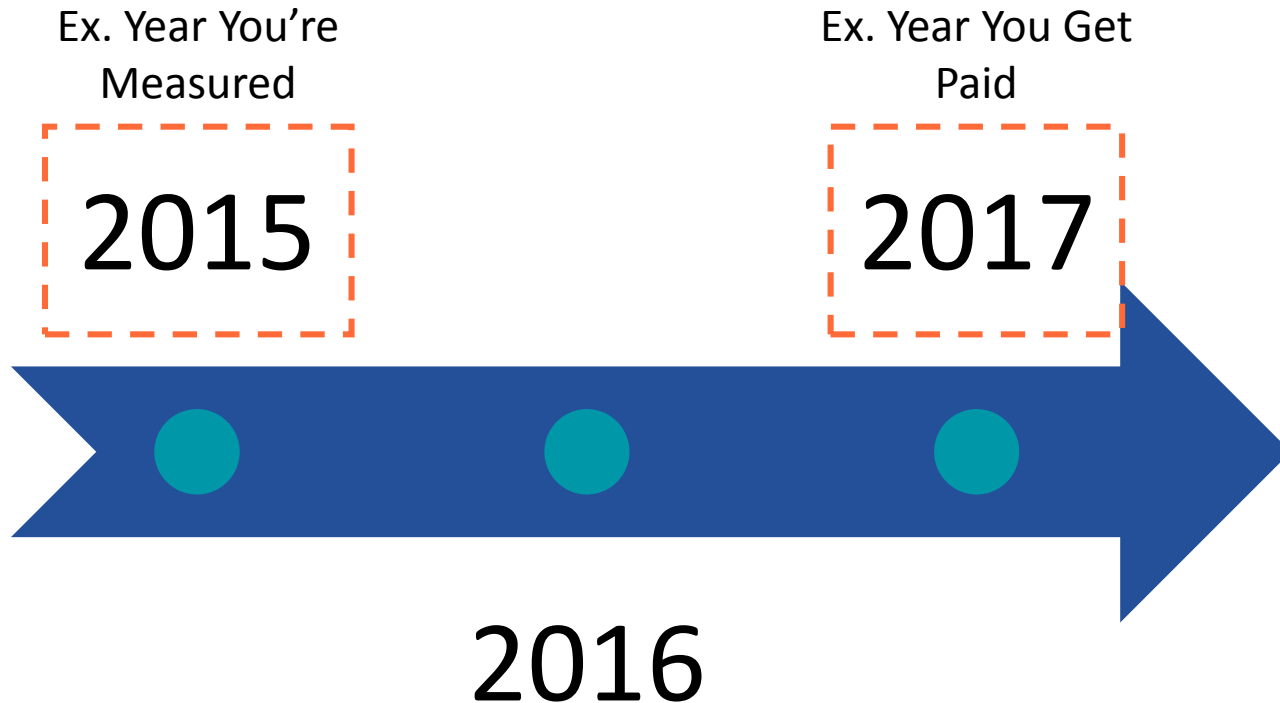
↓ Future Programs

MACRA (MIPS or APM)

- Creates two tracks for replacing all three of the above
- All the above are rolled into the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS) starting on performance year CY 2017 (impacting payment adjustment year 2019)
- **Part B impact:** potential +/- 4%, 5%, 7%, 9% (2019-2022) for MIPS and +5% (2019 and beyond) for APM

Performance vs. Payment Adjustment

For all CMS reporting programs, there is a 2 year lag between the performance year and the payment adjustment year



Overview

- The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) is the foundation of quality reporting obligations for Medicare Part B and is used in other existing programs like the Value Modifier (VM)
- **Impact:** potential -2% penalty only for not reporting
- **Reporting options (depending on group size, MSSP participation):**
 - Claims reporting
 - Registry reporting
 - Electronic reporting
 - Qualified Clinical Data Registry reporting
 - Group Practice Reporting Option (GPRO)
- 254 measures with options to report:
 - 17 specific measures reported for MSSP via GPRO
 - 9 measures of choice for individuals in PQRS (from 3 different quality domains)
- **Benefits of CIN membership (via MSSP):**
 - Access to **simplified GPRO reporting** for the Medicare Shared Savings Program lead with CIN guidance
 - Avoid need for outsourced reporting costs
 - **Protection** against potential 2% negative adjustment
 - Access potential **shared savings** unlocked via MSSP quality and savings performance

Overview

- The Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Programs were developed to encourage eligible professionals and hospitals to adopt, implement, upgrade and demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology
- Eligible professionals must report on Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) selected by CMS using certified EHR technology in order to participate in the program
- Eligible professionals must also report on Core Items and Menu Items
- **Impact:** potential -2% and -3% 2016, and 2017 respectively
- **Benefits of CIN membership (via MSSP):**
 - Satisfy **Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) component** of the program via MSSP membership
 - Simplifies **meaningful use attestation** process
 - Avoid potential penalties

Value Modifier



Overview

- The Value Modifier (VM) is a budget neutral, differential payment modifier inclusive of the quality submissions inherent to PQRS as well as Medicare cost data (no submission required)
- **Impact:** potential +/- 4%

Category 1: in general, satisfactory PQRS participants are subject to quality tiering methodology

Groups of 10 or More EPs

	Low Quality	Average Quality	High Quality
Low Cost	0.0%	+2.0x*	+4.0x*
Average Cost	-2.0%	0.0%	+2.0x*
High Cost	-4.0%	-2.0%	0.0%

Solo Practitioners and Groups of 2-9 EPs

	Low Quality	Average Quality	High Quality
Low Cost	0.0%	+1.0x*	+2.0x*
Average Cost	-1.0%	0.0%	+1.0x*
High Cost	-2.0%	-1.0%	0.0%

*Eligible for an additional +1x if average beneficiary risk score is in the top 25% of all beneficiary risk scores

Category 2: groups or individuals not in group on above

- -4% penalty for groups with 10 or more EPs
- -2% penalty for groups with two to nine EPs and physician solo practitioners

Value Modifier



Overview, Continued

- **Benefits of CIN membership (via MSSP):**

- Automatically default to Category 1 (and **avoid automatic penalties**) via MSSP PQRS/PGRO reporting
- Automatically **default to “average cost”** category and be measured only based on MSSP quality
- Downside risk is **-2% instead of -4%**

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	Low MSSP Quality	Average MSSP Quality	High MSSP Quality
Average Cost	-2.0%	0.0%	+2.0x

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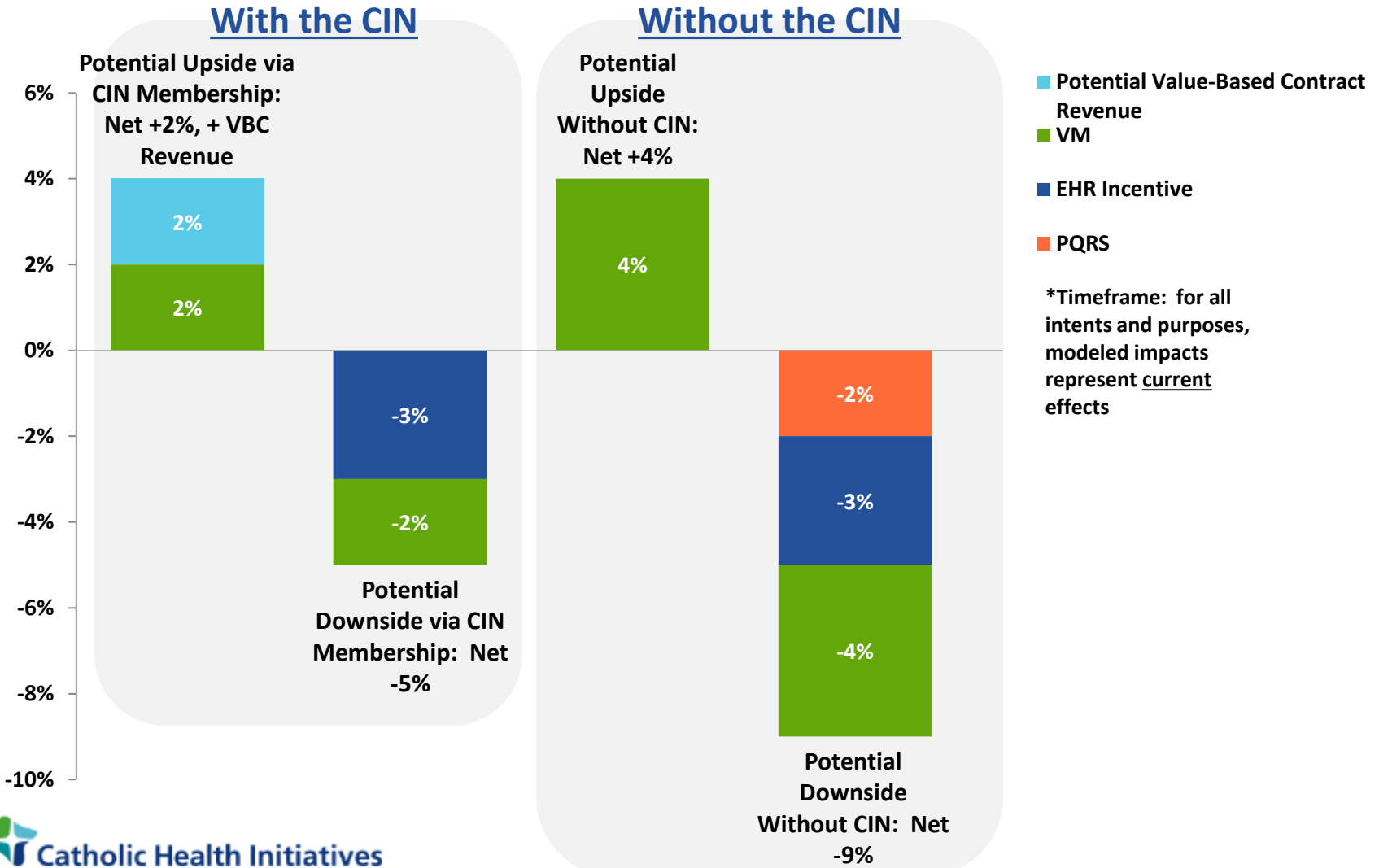
	Low MSSP Quality	Average MSSP Quality	High MSSP Quality
Average Cost	-1.0%	0.0%	+1.0x*

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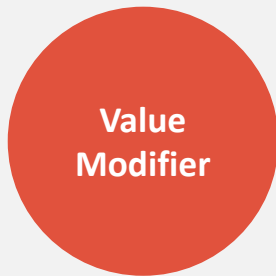
Summary of Existing Quality Programs' Impact

The CIN shields providers from aggressive potential downside, while offering upside opportunities not available without the CIN



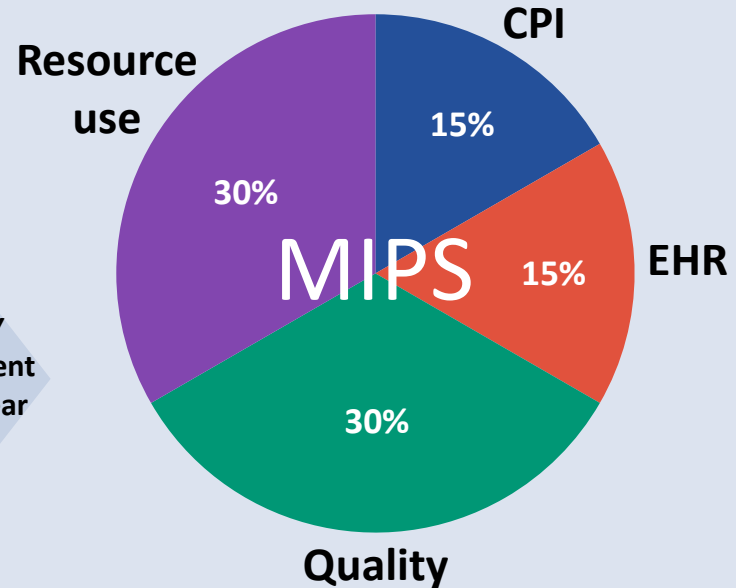
*Note: assumes EHR Incentive Program downside in 2017 of -3%

Existing Medicare Part B Quality Reporting Programs...



Beginning CY
2017 for Payment
Adjustment Year
CY 2019

...Will Transition into a Newer, Simpler Methodology



OR opt out into...

Advanced Payment
Models Offered by
the CIN (ex. MSSP)

*Lowest Risk to Providers

The Future: MACRA Snapshot

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) creates two paths and replaces PQRS, VM and the EHR Incentive program

Path 1: the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

- Fee for service plus quality link
- All providers default to this path
- Payment impact depends on: CPI, MU, Quality and Resource use submission
- Budget neutral impact
- All CIN members will be in MIPS, and some will opt out into APM
- **Value of the CIN:**
 - Competitive edge by aiding in MIPS reporting

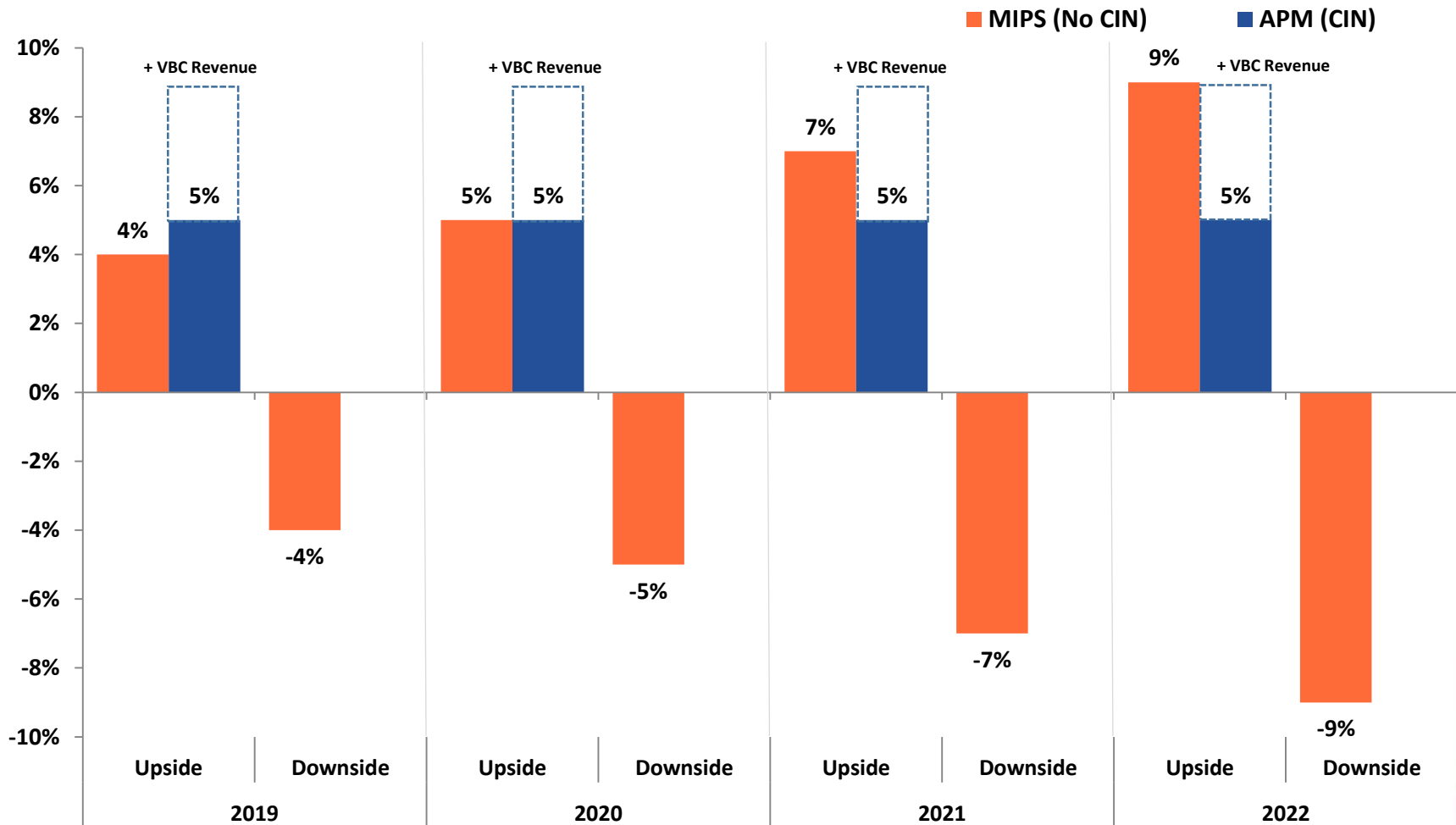
Pmt. Adjustment Year	MIPS	APM
2019	+/-4%	+5%
2020	+/-5%	+5%
2021	+/-7%	+5%
2022	+/-9%	+5%

Path 2: Advanced Payment Models (APM)

- Risk-bearing accountable care organization path
- Providers must opt-out of MIPS and into the APM path
- Programs offered by the CIN with tbd “nominal downside risk”
- APM must represent a certain % of a provider’s total Part B revenue
- **Value of the CIN:**
 - Offer APMs to CIN members
 - Lower risk alternative to MIPS: **guaranteed upside only**
 - **Access to APM revenue**

Summary of MACRA Impact

The CIN can guarantee an APM track for CIN providers and shield them from significant downside risk – and opens the door to potential VBC revenue in addition



The Value of CIN Membership

Medicare Part B is changing in significant ways

For programs today: PQRS, VM, EHR

- **Simplified reporting** via GRPO for all programs
- **Shielded** from much higher downside risk
- Access to **value-based contract revenue**

For programs tomorrow: MACRA

- **Simplified reporting** whether you stay in MIPS as a CIN member, or you opt-into a CIN-offered APM
- MIPS track and CIN membership benefits you:
 - CIN can assist in meeting your **MIPS reporting obligations**, simplifying reporting
- APM track via CIN benefits you by:
 - Shielding you from more aggressive MIPS downside risk
 - Allowing you to access **VBC revenue** via qualified APMs (like track 2/3 MSSP, Next Gen)