



WINTER 2019

# Physician Partners

A PUBLICATION OF  
MAIN LINE HEALTH  
PHYSICIAN PARTNERS



# UPDATE



Main Line Health®

## UPDATE: DVACO 2017 MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM (MSSP)

CMS recently corrected a calculation error in the DVACO's technology adoption domain data (Promoting Interoperability—previously called Advancing Care Information). The total score has now increased to 99.02/100 points, resulting in a 1.83% upward payment adjustment in 2017 participants' physician fee schedules for traditional Medicare, effective 1/1/19.

Participation in the DVACO's MSSP provides practices automatic full credit for the practice improvement activity scoring domain and exemption from the cost-efficiency domain. Specialty practices are not required to report the quality domain.



CMS is shifting dollars from low- to high-scoring organizations. The higher our scores, the greater the financial impact for each successive year.



Information sessions on 2020 MSSP participation will be held in early summer. Check your e-mail for updates or contact Melissa Rafferty at 484.580.4002.

## DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATES AND EMR AUDITS

This month we will begin emailing each MLHPP practice to ask for updated demographics. It is important to keep our records accurate and current for the MLH Aetna Maximum Savings Tier, MLHPP communications, value-based contract participants, and payments, if applicable. Report any changes in your participating physicians, administrative and clinical contacts, addresses, phone/fax, specialties, medical staff status, and more to Julianna Vassilev at [vassilevj@mlhs.org](mailto:vassilevj@mlhs.org).

MLHPP will also launch random audits to track EMR usage by network participants. If your practice is audited, your listed administrative contact will receive a checklist of items to be submitted. It is important that this information be provided to ensure continued participation.



For participation, MLHPP requires use of an EMR for clinical documentation as well as MLH medical staff membership. There is also an Associate for Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) category.



For information about MLH medical staff membership or the Associate CIN category, contact the medical staff office or call Melissa Rafferty at 484.580.4002.

## UPDATE: MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR INDEPENDENT PRACTICES

In conjunction with MLHPP, DVACO has engaged Mercer, a national firm, to assist in a feasibility study about developing a medical benefits product for MLHPP private practices. If feasible, we will aim for a January 1, 2020 effective date. On January 4, 2019, all MLHPP practices were emailed instructions for completing an online questionnaire. All interested practices are reminded to respond before January 19. For information, please contact Melissa Rafferty at 484.580.4002.



MLHPP private practices interested in obtaining medical benefits through DVACO must complete an online questionnaire on the Mercer portal prior to January 19, 2019.



See the MLHPP email from January 4 for the link to the online questionnaire. Contact Melissa Rafferty at 484.580.4002 for more information.

## NETWORKING EVENTS: VALUE-BASED CARE DINNER DISCUSSIONS

Join your MLHPP primary and specialty care colleagues for an evening of interactive clinical conversation about the challenges we face as providers of value-based care. Includes dinner. Please RSVP to [MLHPP@MLHS.org](mailto:MLHPP@MLHS.org) to secure your spot.



SAVE  
THE  
DATES

January 31, 2019 • 5:30–8:00 pm • Springfield Country Club  
February 28, 2019 • 5:30–8:00 pm • The Inn at Villanova University

## JOIN US: 2019 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All MLHPP primary care physicians participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program are invited to attend our PCP Council meetings. We will share data about your practice performance, tactics to help achieve shared savings, and more. Meetings will be held on the following dates from 5:30–7:30 pm at the MLH Corporate offices.



SAVE  
THE  
DATES

February 7, 2019  
April 4, 2019  
June 13, 2019



For more information about upcoming Primary Care Physician Council meetings, contact Tom Centore: [centoret@mlhs.org](mailto:centoret@mlhs.org)