



MPRO Chosen to Provide CMS Quality Payment Program Support for Small Practices

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., March 3, 2017 – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded a contract to Altarum Institute to help small practices in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Minnesota prepare for and participate in the new Quality Payment Program, established by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

MPRO in partnership with Altarum will provide this technical assistance, as authorized and funded under MACRA, and support thousands of Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians in practices with 15 or fewer clinicians. This includes small practices in rural locations, health professional shortage areas, and medically underserved areas across the country. The direct technical assistance is available immediately, free to all MIPS eligible clinicians, and will deliver support for up to a five-year period.

“We’re excited to expand our involvement in this effort to promote clinical adoption and participation in the Quality Payment Program,” said Leland Babitch, M.D., MBA, president and chief executive officer of MPRO. “This initiative allows us to continue our organization’s focus and support of efforts that improve healthcare quality and value.”

MPRO will provide customized technical assistance to MIPS eligible clinicians as a part of the Small/Underserved/and Rural Support (SURS) program, which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Conveying the MIPS expectations and timelines
- Explaining the MIPS feedback report
- Creating a MIPS-score improvement plan
- Evaluating practice readiness for joining an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM)
- Assessing and optimizing Health Information Technology
- Supporting change management and strategic planning
- Developing and disseminating education and training materials
- Enabling peer-to-peer learning and local partnerships

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For more information on the Quality Payment Program, visit qpp.cms.gov or contact the Quality Payment Program by calling 1-866-288-8292 or emailing qpp@cms.hhs.gov.

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About MPRO

MPRO is a nonprofit organization and national leader in health care quality improvement and medical review. Our goal is simple - we are helping health care get better. MPRO provides medical consulting and review, as well as data analysis to federal agencies, state Medicaid and public health organizations, health care facilities, private health plans and other third party payers. For more information about MPRO, visit www.mpro.org. In addition, MPRO represents Michigan in Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network (QIN), which also serves Minnesota and Wisconsin under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization Program (QIO). For more information about Lake Superior QIN, visit www.lsqin.org.

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