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Medicare Shared Savings Program: Submit Notice of Intent to Apply by June 28

There is only one day left to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) via the [Accountable Care Organization \(ACO\) Management System](#) (ACO-MS) for a January 1, 2020, start date. You must submit a NOIA if you intend to apply to the BASIC track or ENHANCED track of the Medicare Shared Savings Program, for a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) 3-Day Rule Waiver, and/or to establish and operate a Beneficiary Incentive Program:

- NOIA submissions are due no later than June 28 at noon ET
- A NOIA submission does not bind your organization to submit an application; however, you must submit a NOIA to be eligible to apply
- Submit only one NOIA per ACO
- You can make changes to your track, repayment mechanisms, and other NOIA-related information during the application submission period

ACOs that applied for a July 1, 2019, start date and withdrew their application or were denied are eligible to submit a NOIA for the January 1, 2020 start date. If the NOIA is approved, you will be able to access ACO-MS using your existing login credentials.

The application submission period is July 1 through July 29 at noon ET.

For More Information

- [Shared Savings Program](#) website
- [Application Types & Timeline](#) webpage
- [Application Toolkit](#) webpage
- [ACO-MS Contact Us/FAQ](#) webpage
- [NOIA Guidance](#)
- [ACO Participant List and Participant Agreement Guidance](#)
- [SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver Guidance](#)
- [Repayment Mechanism Arrangements Guidance](#)

- Email questions to SSPACO_Applications@cms.hhs.gov

MIPS Data Validation and Audit for Performance Years 2017 and 2018

CMS contracted with Guidehouse to conduct data validation and audits of some Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians. Data validation and audits will help ensure MIPS is operating with accurate and useful data. MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, and virtual groups are required by [regulation](#) to comply with data sharing requests, providing all data as requested by CMS.

If you are selected for data validation and/or audit, you will receive a request for information from Guidehouse via email or by certified mail. You have 45 calendar days from the date of the notice to provide the requested information.

For More Information:

- [2017 MIPS Data Validation Criteria](#)
- [2018 MIPS Data Validation Criteria](#)
- Direct questions to QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292 (TTY 1-877-715- 6222), Monday through Friday from 8am-8 PM ET

Claims, Pricers & Codes

FY 2020 ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Updates

The FY 2020 ICD-10-CM diagnosis code updates are available on the [2020 ICD-10-CM](#) webpage.

Events

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding: Round 2021 Webcast Series

Register for the last webcast in the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program series:

- [Registering and Submitting a Bid - Part 2](#) on July 23 from 3-4 pm ET
- You can submit questions during the webcast; however, to increase the likelihood of your question being answered, submit it in advance to cbic.admin@palmettogba.com with “Webcast Question” in the subject line

On-demand sessions for previous webcasts are available through the registration link:

- [Bid Surety Bond and Lead Item Pricing](#) on May 14
- [Preparing and Submitting Financial Documents](#) on May 21
- [Registering and Submitting a Bid - Part 1](#) on June 11

Resources such as slides and other handouts will be available during both the live and on-demand sessions.

MLN Matters® Articles

Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes – July 2019 Update — Revised

A revised MLN Matters Article MM11296 on [Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) Drug/Biological Code Changes – July 2019 Update](#) is available. Learn about ten new HCPCS codes, effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2019.

Clarification of Billing and Payment Policies for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Using a Disposable Device — Revised

A revised MLN Matters Article SE17027 on [Clarification of Billing and Payment Policies for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy \(NPWT\) Using a Disposable Device](#) is available. Learn about billing and payment for this service under a home health plan of care.

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