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MSN Announces CMS Approval of New QCDR Measures

Columbus, Ga. — January 5, 2021, MSN announced the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved five new 2021 MSN Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) radiology quality measures, submitted by a collaborative workgroup. The new quality measures will help radiologists qualify for Medicare payments through the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

“This is significant,” stated MSN Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Executive Director of MSN Quality Payment Programs Claudia Murray, RCC, “because radiology has experienced a decline in available MIPS measures as previous measures have topped out or been eliminated.”

A study published in the January 2020 issue of the Journal of the American College of Radiology, titled “The Quality Measure Crunch,” outlined the disadvantage for radiologists. The study concluded, “CMS topped out measure scoring and removal policies disproportionately impact radiology, which has the highest topped out percentage among all specialties and only a single non-topped out measure. The high risk of an insufficient number of available quality measures creates an urgent need for new radiology measure development.”

MSN responded, collaborating with a workgroup of industry professionals to draft and submit new quality measures for CMS approval. The new radiology quality measures include:

- QMM16—IVC Filter Management Confirmation
- QMM17—Appropriate Follow-up Recommendations for Ovarian-Adnexal Lesions using the Ovarian-Adnexal Reporting and Data System (O-RADS)
- QMM18—Use of Breast Cancer Risk Score on Mammography
- QMM19—DEXA/DXA and Fracture Risk Assessment for Patients with Osteopenia
- QMM20—Opening Pressure in Lumbar Puncture

MSN President Bo Trotter praised the MSN/MEDNAX QCDR workgroup for their commitment to ensure radiology maintains full participation in the MIPS program. “Without their efforts, the limited number of available measures would have continued to leave radiology at a disadvantage,” Trotter said.



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Catherine Everett, MD served as medical director and chair of the workgroup, which included physicians Anand Singh, MD; Sean Gu, MD; Sloan Miller, MD; Faraz Khan, MD and Josh Heck, MD. MEDNAX Medical Director David Kanter contributed along with members of the MSN Quality Payment Program, including Claudia Murray, Laura Reidy, Marissa Pearce, Susan Gregg and Robin Bonswor.

Physicians interested in participating in a future MSN Measure Development Workgroup should contact Claudia Murray at cmurray@msnllc.com. Measure development for 2022 will begin in early 2021.

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