



Newsletter

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QHP Website: Organizations

- QHP is growing, keep up with our list of organizations here: [Organizations \(qhpsi.net\)](http://qhpsi.net)



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Tip of the Month

- ◆ June's focus is BP Control
- ◆ The last BP reading of the year is counted for the measure, consider a BP check late in the year
- ◆ Ensure patients have rested for several minutes before checking pressure (not after walking back to exam room from lobby).

QHP Measure Changes

The Clinical Committee is reviewing our measures for the 2025 year. We will be working to consolidate disease categories to serve the overall population of southern IL, considering new measures to best align with payor priorities, and making sure each specialty is accurately and appropriately measured. The measure work has begun and will take several months to complete. Communication will be shared regarding the changes as it is available.

QHP Contracts—MSSP

- QHP is contracting with CMS for the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP).
- QHP PCP groups are invited to join for 2025 (year 1).
- Providers can only participate in one Medicare shared savings program at a time.
- We will begin in Track A and move along the 'glide path' (Tracks A through E and ENHANCED), starting with shared savings only and moving slowly into shared deficit exposure.
- We will report out on MSSP progress quarterly through the Clinical Committee.
- CMS provides 3 years of claims data to participants, which will be analyzed for cost savings opportunities.
- **What does this mean for patients?**
- Patients will be notified by letter that their provider is participating in an MSSP.
- Patients can opt out of having their data shared.
- This program is for patients with traditional Medicare only.
- Patients will still present their red, white, and blue insurance card, and Medicare will continue to pay their medical claims.
- As data is analyzed and improvement opportunities are implemented, the patient should experience streamlined clinical processes, reduced duplication of testing, and improved care coordination and navigation through the healthcare system.

A Physician-Hospital Organization (PHO) is a joint venture between physicians and a hospital/system that is authorized to contract with payers. A clinically integrated PHO is one that uses systems and processes to improve quality and reduce cost through evidence based medicine, performance measurement, information sharing, and alignment of incentives.