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DATE: August 18, 2017
TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations
FROM: Kathryn A. Coleman, Director
SUBJECT: Changes to the Medicare Advantage QIP and CCIP Requirements

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) of changes to the Quality Improvement Project (QIP) and Chronic Care Improvement Program (CCIP) requirements. CMS will release separate guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs).

Section 1852(e) of the Social Security Act requires that MAOs have an ongoing Quality Improvement (QI) Program. CMS regulations at 42 CFR 422.152 outline the QI Program requirements for MAOs, which include both a QIP and a CCIP.

As both the current QIP and CCIP focus on chronic conditions, CMS is making the following changes to these required projects for 2018:

1. The current QIP will become the newly designated CCIP. The newly designated CCIP will continue to focus on the topic: Promote Effective Management of Chronic Disease. The newly designated CCIP also will continue to serve as the vehicle to improve care and health outcomes for enrollees with chronic conditions. MAOs that have a QIP in progress, now the newly designated CCIP, must continue with their current project.
2. The newly designated QIP must aim to improve health outcomes and/or enrollee satisfaction and address one or more of the CMS Quality Strategy Goals¹.

Please see the frequently asked questions attached to this memorandum. CMS will also release an updated resource document with additional information about this change.

This modification has the dual purpose of continuing to effectively support CMS Quality Strategy Goals, while reducing the level of burden and overlap in the current QIP and CCIP activities. If you have any questions about this memorandum, please submit an inquiry to the Medicare Part C Policy Mailbox, located at: <https://dpap.lmi.org>.

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/CMS-Quality-Strategy.html>