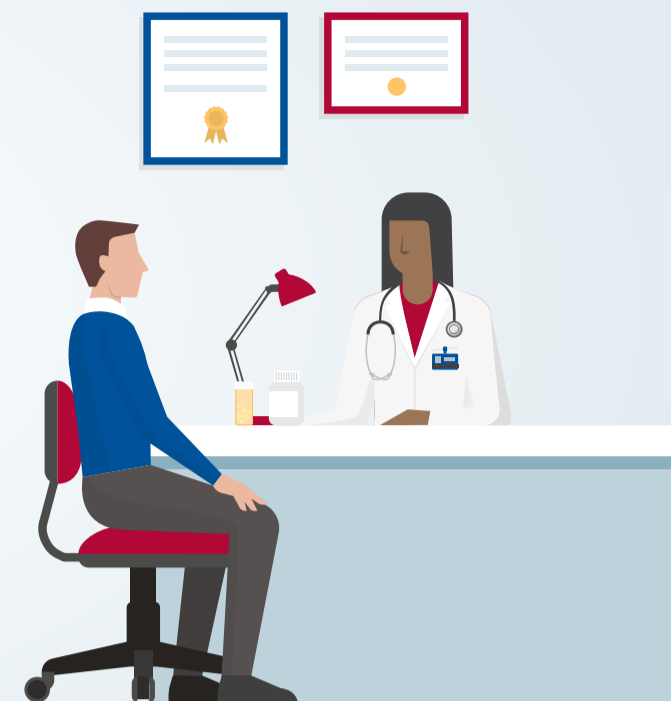




# MACRA

## Big changes coming to how Medicare pays clinicians

The Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act replaced the flawed sustainable growth rate formula with predictable payment increases. Implementation will have a significant impact on physicians and other clinicians, as well as the hospitals and health systems with whom they partner. For more information and educational resources, visit [www.aha.org/MACRA](http://www.aha.org/MACRA).



### KEY TAKEAWAYS



Shifts Medicare from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance.



Rewards participation in risk-bearing payment models.

## PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT BEGINS IN 2017

### DIFFERENT PAYMENT PATHWAYS

(MIPS or advanced APMs)

**MIPS**  
(Merit-based Incentive Payment System)

**APMs**  
(Alternative payment models)

### ELIGIBLE CLINICIANS

Default payment pathway for clinicians, other than those with low Medicare volume or participants in advanced APMs.

Alternative to MIPS for clinicians with significant participation in risk-bearing APMs.

### PAYMENT IMPACT

Sliding scale bonuses and penalties ranging from 4% in 2019 to 9% starting in 2022.

Bonus of 5% of Part B professional services payments in 2019-2024.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Performance evaluated based on:

- Quality
- Improvement activities
- Resource use
- Advancing care information (EHR)

Percentage of care delivered through an advanced APM. Individual APMs incorporate cost and quality metrics, but with no impact to bonus.