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.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**
- Shifts Medicare from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance.
- Rewards participation in risk-bearing payment models.

**DIFFERENT PAYMENT PATHWAYS** (MIPS or advanced APMs)

**MIPS** (Merit-based Incentive Payment System)
- Default payment pathway for clinicians, other than those with low Medicare volume or participants in advanced APMs.

**APMs** (Alternative payment models)
- Alternative to MIPS for clinicians with significant participation in risk-bearing APMs.

**ELIGIBLE CLINICIANS**
- 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.

**PAYMENT IMPACT**
- Performance evaluated based on:
  - Quality
  - Resource use
  - Improvement activities
  - 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.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

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