



Who we are...

The Innovative Health Alliance of New York, LLC. (IHANY) is a collaboration among doctors, health systems and health care providers in New York's Capital Region aimed at improving the health of the communities we serve by working together in new, more coordinated ways. In today's evolving health care landscape, clinical integration is essential to achieving better health for the community, better care for individuals and lower costs of health care.

This Month's Priorities

1. **GPRO:** Our 2020 GPRO reporting will begin January 4th and end March 31st. We ask everyone for their continued cooperation, working with our teams to provide the data and documentation needed for another successful reporting period. Each practice/organization has been asked to identify a point person, and they will be receiving communications throughout the reporting period.
 2. **MIPS APM Promoting Interoperability Reporting:** During the January 4th-March 31st reporting period **each TIN must report** their Promoting Interoperability(PI) data directly to CMS utilizing their **QPP Portal Account** as part of their ACO participation for 2020. **James Renner** has been working with your teams to review reporting and/or hardship applications as appropriate. You will select your best 90 day consecutive reporting period from 2020 to report.
 3. **QRDA 3 EMR Quality Reports:** Beginning in 2021 and mandated in 2022 ACOs will need to adjust how we report our quality metrics. In preparation for this change we are asking that all practices run a QRDA3 report from their EMR for 2020. Once you have done this please notify **Brian Pinga** and he will work with you to set up a review of the report and/or provide additional guidance as needed.
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Spotlight

Our 2019 MIPS score has yielded us a +1.59% payment adjustment in 2021

IHANY's 2019 MIPS (Merit Based Incentive Payment System) score was **97.05/100**. The score reflects our combined performance in Quality (50/50 for the second year in a row!) and Promoting Interoperability (23.37/30). In addition CMS recognized MSSP participation by awarding full credit for the Improvement Activity

category (20/20) and the complexity of patients we serve through bonus points (3.68/5.00).

IHANY's MIPS score translated into a 1.59% positive payment adjustment that will be applied starting in January 2021. Thanks to all for another great performance year and for working together in 2020 to improve our Promoting Interoperability score.

Education

Meet and Greet
Brian Pinga, Director of Quality Improvement
Wednesday January 20, 2021
12:00pm-12:30pm
(WebEX invite will be sent to all who receive this notice)

Brian will discuss the Quality plans for 2021/2022, review our 2019 MIPS results/payment adjustments and review our current priorities. Please come with questions/concerns and feel free to speak your mind about what you are looking for from **your** new Director of Quality Improvement for IHANY.

CMS Billing Update

Medicare FFS Claims: 2% Payment Adjustment (Sequestration) Suspended Through March

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act suspended the payment adjustment percentage of 2% applied to all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims from May 1 through December 31. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, signed into law on December 27, extends the suspension period to March 31, 2021. (CMS MLN Network notification, 12/28/20).

Population Health News

AMJC Article:
The Essential Role of Population Health During and Beyond COVID-19

The authors detail how population health management enables health systems to promote public health, strengthen health system resiliency, and support financial recovery during and beyond coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Click **here** to read.

Next Steps

We want to hear from you!

Brian would like to hear from each practice what their top 3 population health challenges are. For example: Care coordination, Quality data collection, Behavioral health integration, etc.

During the next few months Brian will be reaching out to collect this information and work through possible resources/solutions. In the meantime feel free to email Brian at brian.pinga@sphp.com to get the conversation started. We are hear to help you with your population health challenges.

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