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Practice Manager Meeting

No Meeting In January

Happy New Year!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 7, 2017
8:00 AM

Location:

Maimonides Administration
Bldg.—2nd Fl. Conference Room

Please visit www.mai-ny.org.
Registration is simple, quick, and
limited to current members!

NEED HELP?

- Practice Management Problems
- Claims Issues
- Medical Policy Concerns
- Staff Training
- Customer service

Call Carolee Hildenbrandt
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Happy Holidays!

A Very Happy Holiday Season from the Maimonides IPA Board of Directors to all of you!

You Often Ask...What exactly is MIPS and MACRA?

MACRA is the Medicare Access+ CHIP authorization account. MACRA combines parts of the Physician Reporting System (PQRS), Value Based Payment Modifier (VBM), and the incentive program into one single program called the Merit Based Incentive Program or MIPS.

We have attempted to make telephone contact with every Medicare Provider in the IPA to determine their readiness to participate. We don't want any of you to incur a penalty in 2019.

We have referred many practices to the **FREE** hands on consultation services through IPRO @ 1-866-333-4702. Call them if you need help.

HEDIS Measures 2018

Each month, we will review one of the 2018 HEDIS measures that most reflect our Quality Bonus Contracts. This month's measure is:

Colorectal Cancer Screening:

Assesses adults 50-75 who have had appropriate screenings for colorectal cancer with any of the following tests:

- Annual fecal occult blood test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years
- Colonoscopy every 10 years*
- Computed tomography colonography every 5 years*
- Stool DNA test every 3 years

*Individual patients may have been advised to have more frequent testing

Note: More than a third of adults do not get the recommended screening in spite that treatment in its earliest stages can lead to a 90% survival rate after 5 years.

Evidence accumulated over two decades shows that a recommendation from a doctor is the most powerful single factor in a patients decision to be screened.

Offer and explain the different options.

Members of minority or low income groups, as well as older adults are less likely to be given screening recommendations.

Initiate the referral process with contact information to ensure follow-up. Praise the patient when there is positive follow-up.

