



nThrive Education™ MACRA Solution

Providing actionable insight for a complex quality payment program

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released its final rule for the Quality Payment Program (QPP) established by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The MACRA QPP includes two tracks, the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM), both aimed at advancing value-based care and reimbursement. MACRA eliminates the long-standing Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula and combines and replaces the Meaningful Use, Physician Quality Reporting System and Value-Based Modifier programs for eligible clinicians. Since this represents a significant change in how physicians are paid for their services, knowing how MACRA works is critical to obtaining fair reimbursement while maintaining quality of care standards.

Knowledge is the foundation of a sound MACRA strategy

The MACRA data collection period began on January 1, 2017, so it is crucial to expedite the planning and execution of your organization's approach to this mandatory program.

MACRA has the potential to both increase and decrease a clinician's profitability based on program incentives and penalties. Empowering clinicians and other key staff members with a clear understanding of MACRA regulations is vital to establishing an effective operational framework to ensure positive outcomes.

As clinicians and health care organizations begin developing their strategy to adhere to and manage MACRA regulations, many critical questions need to be answered, such as:

- Which MACRA track (MIPS or AAPM) is right for me?
- How will my staff and I understand the complicated range of MACRA rules so we can best address the requirements?
- How can I equip my practice to understand MACRA's broad reporting requirements related to:
 - Quality
 - Care coordination
 - Cost
 - Technology



The MACRA final rule is a complex web of nearly

2,400
pages of
regulations

Education for staff empowerment

Our mission at nThrive™ is to equip clinicians and health care organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary to manage MACRA and prosper under its complex requirements. The nThrive Education™ MACRA Solution utilizes a variety of online assessment and learning tools to provide initial education and to monitor MACRA comprehension levels for each participant. Our three-tiered education approach provides your team with clear understanding of the MACRA guidelines, and their specific role in achieving the requirements.

Three-tiered MACRA education approach:

1. **Foundational education** – Understanding and use of MACRA
2. **MIPS and AAPM specific education** – Both MACRA tracks supported
3. **Specialty-specific education** – Informs clinicians and other staff on the nuances of MACRA as applied to specialty areas.

Broad capabilities that build and maintain MACRA competency



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nThrive Education has educated more than two million health care professionals and has the expertise and experience to make your transition to MACRA seamless.

We also offer a more comprehensive nThrive MACRA Management Solution, which includes advisory services, education and analytics tools to allow health care professionals to successfully manage MACRA from a number of different angles.

For online purchase and more information about the nThrive Education MACRA Solution, visit nThriveeducation.com/MACRA.

For further information on the MACRA Management Solution, visit nThrive.com/MACRA.



All clinicians will report under MIPS in 2017

unless they are new to Medicare or bill very low Medicare volume (CMS to determine which clinicians qualify for AAPM status).