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*One Month into MACRA !***

As part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), the Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP) was established and consists of two participation pathways for clinicians: the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (Advanced APMs). CMS has been gradually implementing the full scope of MACRA over the past three years, and January 1, 2019, marks the beginning of MIPS adjustments to Medicare Part B fee-for-service revenue. The panel discussion will focus on identifying potential pain points for healthcare organizations as a result of MACRA and review key changes for CY 2019 as outlined in the final rule.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the potential pain points of full MACRA implementation and outline the first steps organizations should take to alleviate issues.
- Review the final rule for the quality payment program and how these changes impact APMs and MIPS.
- Discuss the impact E/M changes will have on reimbursement and physician compensation.

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The Tone at the Top Sets the Standard for an Effective Compliance Program

By Rosalind "Roz" Cordini, JD, MSN, RN, CHC, Senior Vice President | Coker Group

A recent news article headline reads, "London Cardiologist Sentenced for Health Care Fraud," [1], reporting that a Kentucky cardiologist was found guilty of implanting medically unnecessary pacemakers and will serve four years in prison. Purportedly, a number of patients testified at his trial that the cardiologist not only pressured patients into getting the pacemaker procedures but misled them about their health conditions.

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IT Choice Points

By Terry Wilk, MBA, FCHIME, CJMC, Senior Vice President | Coker Group

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