

Beginning January 2017, through its Quality Payment Program, Medicare will require physicians who are not part of an accountable care organization (ACO) to submit certain quality and performance data to avoid a 4% payment penalty beginning October 2018. The penalty will increase to 9% by October 2021.

To prepare your practice for the Quality Payment Program, **Compass Practice Transformation Network (PTN)** will provide advisors, at no cost, thanks to a federal grant initiative known as the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Supported by the Medical Association of Georgia as well as the Georgia Hospital Association, TCPI funds the advisors, through the **Compass PTN**, which was founded by the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative and partners across Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Purpose:

- Prepare clinicians for a new Medicare reimbursement methodology
- Achieve quantifiable improvement outcomes
- Improve upon practice-selected quality measures
- Ensure physician practices comply with mandatory quality reporting in 2017
- Collaborate with clinician colleagues
- Assist in improving patient health

Process:

If interested, join by going to www.ihconline.org. Click on “Compass PTN” at the top and follow the instructions. If you need assistance with enrolling, contact Program Lead Joyce Reid at jreid@gha.org or 770-249-4545.

To get you started, the Business Association Agreement (BAA) is attached for your review and signature. The BAA is HIPAA compliant, allowing the exchange of information between the Georgia Hospital Association and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (dba Compass PTN), of which GHA is a subcontractor.

Once enrollment is complete, a quality improvement advisor will conduct an assessment of your practice to identify gaps and help your practice prioritize next steps.

A strategic plan will be developed to guide your quality improvement activity. Your advisor will be available for regularly scheduled phone calls and/or on-site visits to support you through **Compass PTN**.

At the conclusion of the process, your practice will have a better understanding of, and comfort level with, data measurement and quality improvement to prepare you for the value-based payment model of the Quality Payment Program.

The Commitment

As a **Compass PTN** participant, you will select a representative from your practice who must submit monthly data measures selected by your practice. **Compass PTN** participants allow our quality improvement advisors to spend time with your designated representative through on-site visits and/or phone calls. Although your practice selects the measures, Quality Improvement Advisors will work with your practice to prepare you for the Quality Payment Program while improving and sustaining quality care practices.

In joining the **Compass PTN**, you will have committed to work with your designated advisor to:

- Establish your practice's quality improvement team.
- Complete a Practice Assessment Tool (PAT) every six months to assess your progress as a practice.
- Set aims that align with your practice's goals, values and capabilities. ○ Collect and submit performance data via a secure web portal.
- Participate in four-month improvement cycles and annual learning communities. ○ Track your progress and measure your readiness for MACRA.
- Collaborate and share your successes with peer PTN providers via online and inperson educational opportunities.

We look forward to collaborating with your practice as part of our mutual goal to ensure the health and safety of all Georgians. Please call us for additional information.

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COMPASS

Practice Transformation Network

GIVING CLINICIANS THE SUPPORT AND TOOLS TO THRIVE IN VALUE-BASED CARE

Who We Are

The Compass Practice Transformation Network (Compass PTN) is one of 29 Practice Transformation Networks (PTN) funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to provide hands-on quality improvement support and peer-based learning networks to clinicians for the purpose of developing the skills and tools needed to improve care delivery and prepare for successful performance in the value-based health care environment.

Led by seven major health care organizations, the Compass PTN aims to engage more than 7,000 clinicians across Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and beyond who are committed to improving health care quality, safety and outcomes for patients.

How We Can Help You Practice

As part of this new federally-funded initiative, participating clinicians and practices will receive quality improvement assistance and tools—at no cost. This includes customized, one-on-one support from a Quality Improvement Advisor to help meet clinical, operational and reporting needs using:

- Rapid cycle quality improvement
- Workflow optimization
- Performance science, including Lean and Six Sigma

In addition, clinical faculty and peer-based networks will support clinicians and practices to:

- Successfully participate in the Quality Payment Program (QPP) by helping improve quality measures, helping fulfill Clinical Practice Improvement Categories (TCPI is high weighted), Advancing Care Information, and assessing and improving the Cost Category.
- Modify clinic workflow to address care gaps
- Promote evidence-based medicine
- Understand reimbursement changes and prepare for participation in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) or an alternative payment model, such as an Accountable Care Organization (ACO)

By 2018, 90% of Medicare payments will be tied to quality. Join us today and learn how you can demonstrate high-value care.

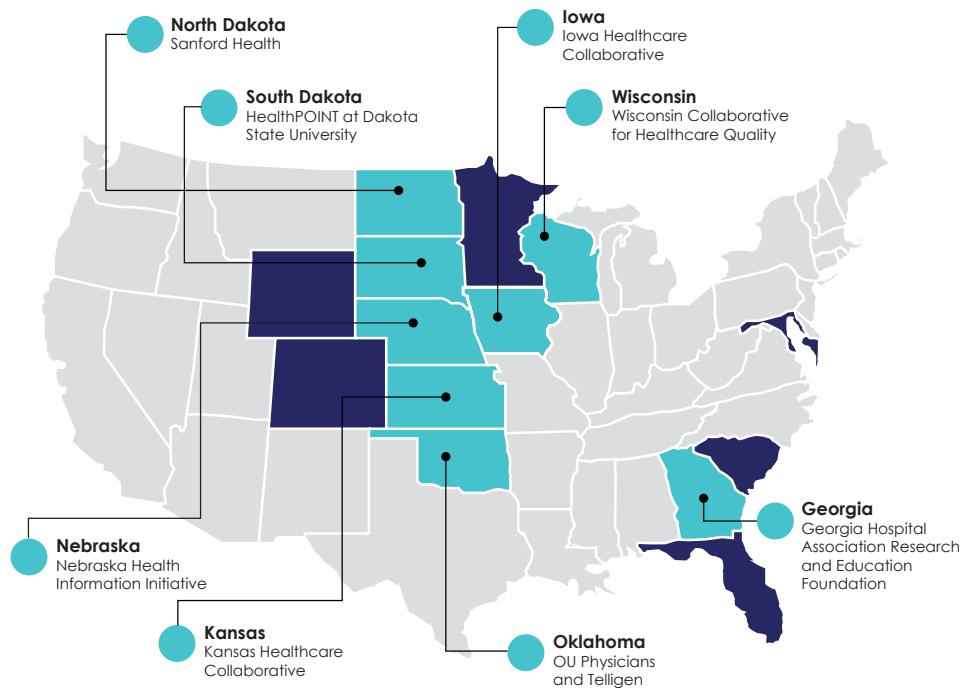
Key Benefits

Participating clinicians and practices will have access to exclusive access to local and national resources that will help:

- Improve and optimize health outcomes and coordination of care for patients
- Report and improve quality and utilization scores
- Leverage Medicare Chronic and Transitional Care Management
- Learn how to best engage patients and families in care planning
- Gain access to proven change management tools
- Learn from and share best practices with other high-performing clinicians, practices and health systems
- Align with new and emerging federal and health plan policies and incentives
- Earn CME and MOC Part IV credit

Contact Us Today

Let the Compass PTN help you set a clear course toward better patient outcomes and position your practice to thrive in value-based care.



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