

Advancing Care Information (ACI) Reporting for Groups Participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP)

Overview:

Participation in BIDCO's Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) requires all groups to submit Advancing Care Information (ACI) data for Performance Year 2017. BIDCO has created an [ACI-Checklist](#) to ensure your practice meets all the necessary requirements for data submission.

The information submitted by groups (TINs) through ACI reporting is essential for the MSSP to measure the level of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) use among eligible clinicians (quality measure ACO-11) participating in BIDCO.

Reporting Mechanisms:

BIDCO practices must report on behalf of all eligible clinicians participating in the practice (including certain mid-level providers, such as NPs and PAs), and practices can aggregate their data by adding together the numerators and denominators from CEHRT for each National Provider Identifier (NPI) and rolling them up to one report at the TIN level.

ACI data will likely be reported by practices through the Quality Payment Program Portal via Electronic Health Record (EHR), though there are other options (e.g., attestation, Qualified Clinical Data Registry, or Qualified Registry). ACI data submission will begin January 2, 2018 via the Portal.

Note: The thresholds for each of the measures within ACI is low (i.e., non-zero numerators). The minimum requirement is to report for 90 consecutive days for all base measures (utilizing one patient for each base measure) as required for your specific CEHRT edition. Although 2017 is a reporting only year, BIDCO expects all groups to successfully report for 2017 so that we can gauge future success on this double weighted quality measure (ACO-11).

To Learn More About Advancing Care Information (ACI):

- Go to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) Website
 - [Advancing Care Information Measure Specifications Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Advancing Care Information Performance Category Fact Sheet](#)
- For BIDCO Hosted EHRs (eCW): BIDCO will reach out to your practice
- For APG Practices: APG EHR staff will reach out to your practice
- For Non-BIDCO Hosted EHRs: BIDCO is investigating options for a Q&A hotline.

ACI Checklist

- Contact your EHR vendor to verify that your EHR can report ACI with your current version
- Ensure your EHR is certified to either the 2014 or 2015 edition and report accordingly
- Select a 90 day reporting period that meets all the requirements and prepare to attest in the first quarter of 2018.

EHR Workflows/Processes That Support ACI

- Perform a Security Risk Assessment (SRA) within your reporting period
- Ensure RX Eligibility is included in all e-prescribing
- Ensure your EHR can send Summary of Care documents electronically
 - send/accept referrals electronically (PCPs) with Medical Summary attached or
 - send/accept Consult Notes electronically (Specialist/Covering PCP)
- Enroll and engage patients to use your patient portal
- Perform Medication Reconciliation as required
- Provide Patient Specific Education information
- Encourage patients to view/download and/or transmit their medical record from your Patient Portal
- Use your portal to demonstrate 2-way secure messaging between your practice and patients
- If you administer immunizations, have you connected to the MIIS Registry? or have you filed intent to connect with MA DPH?