

MGMA calls for regulatory relief in letter to new HHS Secretary

In a [letter](#) to the new Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Dr. Tom Price, MGMA outlined steps HHS should take to significantly reduce the regulatory burden on medical practices. This would permit practices to focus on providing high-quality patient care rather than directing their limited resources to comply with government requirements. In particular, MGMA called for development of national standards for critical electronic transactions, including prior authorization and claims attachments; simplification of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS); and greater flexibility in the electronic health records certification standards to better support the health information technology needs of physician practices.

As the first physician to lead HHS in more than two decades and an advocate for issues impacting medical practices while in Congress, Secretary Price brings an unprecedentedSince the new MIPS took effect on Jan. 1, 2017, MGMA Government Affairs experts have answered a flood of member questions, such as: How MIPS payment adjustments will be applied to clinicians who switch practices during a performance year? How quality measures without benchmarks will be scored? Will clinicians receive a higher MIPS score for reporting data for a longer period of time?

New MACRA FAQs: MGMA answers top member questions

To aid the 90% of eligible clinicians CMS estimates will participate in MIPS in 2017, MGMA has compiled a list of your most frequently-asked questions into a new comprehensive, member-exclusive resource: [2017 MACRA FAQs](#). Use this resource to learn how to prepare your practice for 2017 and gain insight into what keeps your peers up at night. Members should note that we anticipate updating these FAQs regularly, so make sure to bookmark mgma.org/MACRA to check for the latest updates on this resource and more understanding of the many burdens encountered by medical practices as they seek to successfully navigate the demands posed by government regulations. MGMA looks forward to working with the new Secretary to achieve our collective vision of an effective and efficient health care system.

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