



# Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Workgroup

April 24, 2019

# Agenda

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- ▶ **Introductions & Updates**
- ▶ **Y1 MPA (PY18)**
  - ▶ Y1 Preliminary Results
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  - ▶ MPA Operations
  - ▶ Data Sharing and Reporting Release
  - ▶ Regional Approaches to Addressing TCOC
- ▶ **Y3 MPA (PY20)**
  - ▶ Quality Brainstorm
  - ▶ TCOC “General Ledger” Discussion
  - ▶ Benchmarking Update
  - ▶ Attribution Discussion and General Process Improvement Discussion

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## Updates

- **Stakeholder Innovation Group – Idea Intake**
- <https://www.mhaonline.org/transforming-health-care/tracking-our-all-payer-experiment/stakeholder-innovation-group>

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## Y1 MPA (PY18)

- Preliminary MPA Year I Results

# Y1 MPA Implementation

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## Steps Moving Forward:

- ▶ HSCRC calculates the MPA and shares results with hospitals in early May 2019
- ▶ HSCRC tells CMS what percentage adjustment to make to hospitals' Medicare payments
  - ▶ The Y1 MPA will include an offset to preserve the Medicare Savings Run Rate and keep the MPA revenue neutral
- ▶ Expected July 1, CMS implements adjustment with the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC)
- ▶ *Note: the MPA does not go into rates, does not affect hospitals' GBR, and is not reflected in rate orders*

# MPA Timing: Understanding Performance Year, Scoring, and Payments

“Traditional MPA” Timing (does not include ECIP or MPA-Efficiency Component for simplicity)

	2018												2019												2020											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<b>MPA Y1</b>	PY18 Performance Year												Run Out & Calculation		PY 18 MPA Payments																					
<b>MPA Y2</b>													PY19 Performance Year												Run Out & Calculation		PY 19 MPA Payments									
													Submit provider list ●		●		●		Final Attribution		Prelim. Attribution ★ FY 19 MPA Reporting Tool															
<b>MPA Y3</b>																									PY20 Performance Year											
													Submit provider list ●		●		●		Final Attribution		Prelim. Attribution ★ FY 20 MPA Reporting Tool															



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## Y2 MPA (PY19)

- MPA Operations
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  - Data Sharing and Reporting Release
  - Addressing Regional TCOC

# MPA Information Submission and Review Timeline

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Estimated Timing	Action
December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospital submitted provider lists</li></ul>
January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance year begins</li></ul>
February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary attribution shared with hospitals</li></ul>
March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 week review period</li></ul>
April 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HSCRC reruns final attribution algorithm for implementation and shares results with hospitals</li><li>• <i>Voluntary:</i> Hospitals wanting to be treated as a combination under the MPA submit a joint request to HSCRC</li></ul>
June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospitals attest to care coordination agreements for referral relationship attributed providers.</li><li>• MPA Reporting Tool Released</li></ul>
Late Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional attested referral relationships accepted</li><li>• MPA Reporting tool is updated with attested referral relationship provider data</li></ul>



# Empowering Hospitals to Manage TCOC: Current State of Available CCLF Data and Tools

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- ▶ Hospitals will be able to receive individually identifiable data
  - ▶ Expand touch attribution to all Maryland hospitals (not just CRP)
  - ▶ Share PHI data for select MPA attributed patients
  - ▶ Non-PHI data will still be available for all MPA patients

Population	Tool	Hospital-Type
<b>Non-PHI Data</b>		
TCOC Data for MPA Attributed Beneficiaries	MPA Monitoring Tool	All Maryland Hospitals
<b>PHI Data</b>		
PHI Data for Beneficiaries Who Have Been to the Hospital (Touch Attribution)	MADE Reporting Tool	CRP Hospitals

# CRISP – CCLF Reporting Tools

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## *Aggregated Data Reporting*

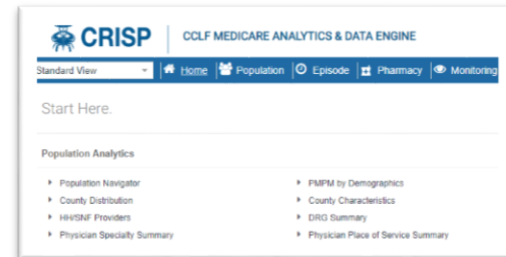


### **Medicare Performance Assessment (MPA) Reporting Tool**

#### **Primary Uses:**

- TCOC Monitoring
- Aggregate Clinical Analysis
- Peer comparison and opportunity analysis

## *Patient-Level Data Reporting*



### **Medicare Analytics and Data Engine (MADE) Tool**

#### **Primary Uses:**

- Patient Level Clinical Analysis
- Targeting of Clinical Interventions

# CCLF Patient Populations through Attribution

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- ▶ Hospitals have access to Medicare FFS beneficiary data/reports through two attribution methodologies.



## Touch Attribution

### In Short (Beneficiary Driven):

- Medicare claims data are available for Medicare FFS beneficiaries that have received services at a hospital

### Population:

- Medicare FFS Beneficiaries receiving services at a given hospital
- PHI data available in MADE



## Medicare Performance Adjustment (MPA) Attribution

### In Short (Provider Driven):

- Medicare claims data are available for Medicare FFS beneficiaries attributed to hospitals through the MPA

### Population:

- Beneficiaries who are attributed to MDPCP, ACO, or Referral Providers with a Care Coordination Agreement will have PHI data available in MADE
- Beneficiaries who are attributed to Referral Providers without a Care Coordination Agreement or through Geographic will have non-PHI data available in the MPA Monitoring Tool

# Future State of Available CCLF Data and Tools

Population	Requirements
<b>Non-PHI Data (available through the MPA Monitoring Tool)</b>	
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> TCOC Data for MPA Attributed Beneficiaries	No Requirements
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> Referral w/o Care Coordination Agreement	No Requirements
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> Geography	No Requirements
<b>PHI Data (available through the MADE Tool)</b>	
<i>Touch Attribution:</i> PHI Data for Beneficiaries Seen at Hospital	No Requirements
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> MDPCP Attributed Beneficiaries	CTO Association Agreement
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> ACO Attributed Beneficiaries	CMS ACP Participation Agreement, ACO List
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> Employed Attributed Beneficiaries	Employment Contract, NPI List
<i>MPA Attribution:</i> Referral w Care Coordination Agreement Attributed Beneficiaries	Care Coordination Agreement

# Updated Attribution Lists and Care Coordination Attestation

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- ▶ To view patient-level data through MADE for “referral” linkage providers, hospitals must attest to a care coordination agreement between the hospital and the provider
  - ▶ ACO-like, MDPCP, and employment steps are already covered
- ▶ HSCRC will be providing updated attribution lists shortly with a column where hospitals can attest to a care coordination agreement
  - ▶ Worksheet will pre-fill attestations for existing care agreements for clinicians in the ACO-like, MDPCP, and employment steps
- ▶ In order to access patient-level data when reports become available, attestations must be received by **June 1**.
  - ▶ Anticipate additional attestation opportunities throughout the year

**Care Coordination Agreement requirements:** Hospitals are responsible for determining what is necessary in a care coordination agreement to meet requirements of data sharing under HIPAA

- ▶ Updated lists will also include a tab for geographic attribution

# Addressing Regional TCOC

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For discussion:

- ▶ The HSCRC is interested in understanding how hospitals may partner together to reduce regional TCOC and improve population health
- ▶ What additional policies, program, or incentives may be beneficial to encourage multi-hospital collaboration to address regional costs and improve quality?
- ▶ What are the current barriers to addressing TCOC on a regional level?

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## Y3 MPA (PY20)

- Quality Brainstorm
- TCOC “General Ledger” Discussion
- Benchmarking Update
- Attribution Discussion and General Process Improvement Discussion

# MPA Quality Adjustment

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## ▶ Rationale

- ▶ Payments under an Advanced APM model must have at least some portion at risk for quality
- ▶ Because the MPA connects the hospital model to the physicians for MACRA purposes, the MPA must include a quality adjustment

## ▶ Other requirements

- ▶ Must be aligned with measures in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) to the extent possible

## ▶ Required to include, at minimum:

- ▶ Adjustments from Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP) and Maryland Hospital-Acquired Conditions (MHAC)



# MPA Quality Adjustment – Y3

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- ▶ **For Y3 MPA Policy, considering new measures**
  - ▶ Opportunity to utilize Medicare claims data and other data sources to capture quality of care not possible in case-mix data
- ▶ **As always, use validated measures whenever possible**
- ▶ **New measures should be aligned with TCOC goals (BIGs)**
  - ▶ Total Cost of Care Model requires a focus on population health improvement for all Marylanders
  - ▶ Bold Improvement Goals (BIGs) are intended to align community health, provider systems, and other facets of the State's health ecosystem to improve population health and achieve success under the TCOC Model

# Bold Improvement Goals

- Reduce Statewide Diabetes Burden
- “Behavioral Health/SUD Focus”
- “Senior Health and Quality of Life”
- “Patient-Centered Care and Health Disparities”

**What will we achieve?**

**Achieve 3,5,7-year targets**

**System and Statewide Alignment**

**Framework for tying TCOC Model Success to Population Health Improvements**

**Outputs: What will we get?**

1. Communicate Priorities and Methods of Alignment

2. Connect BIG targets and measures to Programs

3. Collaborate and disseminate best practices

4. Share resources and Data

5. Monitor and Evaluate Progress

6. Refine and Update as nec'y

**Activities: What will we do?**

**HSCRC Hospital Programs**

**TCOC Model Outcomes-Based Credits**

**MDPCP Learning Systems and Quality Incentives**

**State Medicaid Programs and Priorities**

**MHCC Policies and Quality Reporting**

**MDH programs and Initiatives (SHIP, LHICs etc.)**

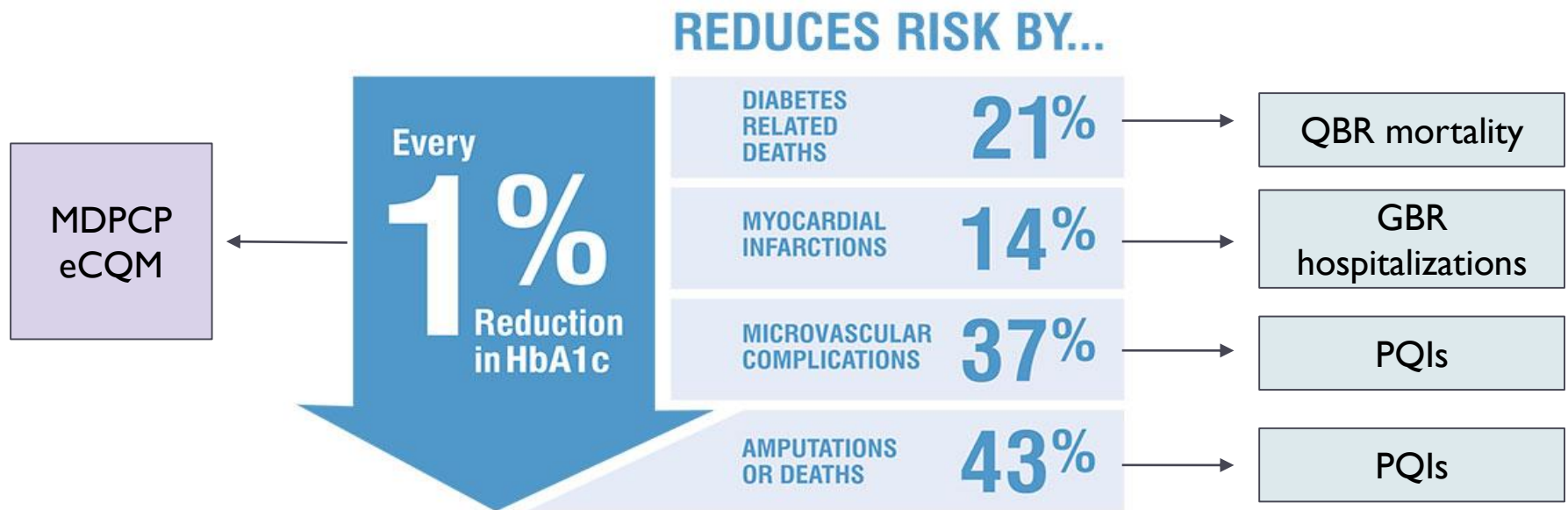
**Statewide Agencies and Programs**

**Community-Based Organizations, Payers etc.**

**Inputs: Where will changes be made?**

# Example: Diabetes Burden

- ▶ Proposed outcomes-based credit for diabetes incidence (prevention)
- ▶ Both MDPCP and hospitals assessed on diabetes measures (management)
- ▶ State believes that collaboration between public health, providers, consumers, and hospitals can lead to better health and outcomes



# Existing diabetes-specific measures in payment programs

	Outcome Based Credit	GBR	Medicaid	MDPCP	Hospital P4P	MPA
<b>Population at risk</b>	x		x	x		
BMI Assessment and weight counseling			x	x (PY2)		
Diabetes Incidence	x					
<b>Population with Diabetes</b>		x	x	x	x	
Eye Exam			x			
HbA1c Testing			x			
Medical Attention for Nephropathy			x			
HbA1c Control			x	x		
Diabetes Admissions (PQI)		x		x*	x	
ED visits				x		
Readmissions		x		x*	x	

\* Measure is included in larger MDPCP utilization measures, but not called out specifically

# Year 3 MPA Quality Adjustment

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- ▶ Should be designed to align with BIGs, but at what level?
  - ▶ As additional BIGs are developed, may want to add related measures to MPA quality

## *Example measures*

<b>Diabetes Prevention (aligns with outcomes-based credit)</b>	<b>Diabetes Management (aligns with GBR and MDPCP)</b>	<b>Diabetes Utilization (aligns with GBR and MDPCP)</b>
BMI Screening & follow up	Eye & foot exams	PQIs
Diabetes Screening	HbA1C Testing/Control	Readmissions
Well-visits for at risk adults	Nephropathy	Hospitalizations
DPP enrollment	Follow-up after hospitalization	ED visits

### Open questions:

- Should this work be under the TCOC WG or performance measurement WG?
- Aligning with diabetes prevention or management measures under the MPA?
- Measures that are already implemented in our programs or new unique measures that align with existing measures?
- What measures do we think hospitals and their ambulatory partners have influence on?

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# TCOC “General Ledger” Discussion



# Proposal for offsetting MDPCP Care Management Fees

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- ▶ Medicare TCOC Savings Run Rate must increase to \$300 million by CY 2023, with annual hard targets in the interim
- ▶ Care Management Fees (CMF) from the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) will add approximately \$60 million of Medicare spending in CY 2019
- ▶ In June 2018, the Commission approved a resolution saying “hospitals should not be held financially responsible for losses resulting from the payment of MDPCP Care Management Fees by the federal government during the initial years of the program”
- ▶ At the same time,
  - ▶ The Commission has told payers that hospitals would not get credit for certain other policies (e.g., Public Payer Differential)
  - ▶ Hospital-owned CTOs and practices are receiving MDPCP CMF

# Policy Changes Not Credited to Hospitals

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The State of Maryland and CMMI have made changes affecting hospital payments as well as the negotiated required TCOC Run Rate relative to national growth.

These include:

- ▶ Increase in the Public Payer Differential to 7.7 percent, from 6.0 percent
- ▶ All-payer reduction in Medicaid Deficit Assessment:
  - ▶ \$30M in FY 2019
  - ▶ \$25M in FY 2020+
- ▶ As an offset for inclusion of MDPCP in the savings test, Federal government agreed to the following adjustments to the State's advantage:
  - ▶ Eased the short-term TCOC targets building up to \$300M target
  - ▶ Allowed half of any TCOC savings beyond the TCOC target for CY 19 and 20 to be credited to the following year's run rate



# Five-Year State Responsibility for MDPCP Spending, Assuming No MDPCP ROI and excluding changes in Run Rate Requirement\*

Program or Policy	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>MDPCP</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>130</b>
LESS: 0% ROI on TCOC	No impact included for this view				
LESS: CMF to hosp CTOs	(15)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)
LESS: CMF & CPCP to hospitals' drs	(8)	(17)	(25)	(30)	(32)
<b>MDPCP not paid to hosps</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>
Differential increase	(20)	(40)	(40)	(40)	(40)
Medicaid Deficit Assessment	(10)	(20)	(30)	(40)	(50)
Reduced Run Rate when MDPCP included	No impact for this view				
<b>Subtotal: Policy offsets</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>(80)</b>	<b>(90)</b>
<b>Total: State responsibility</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>(15)</b>

# Take-Home Points: Accounting for State Responsibility for CY 2019 MDPCP Costs

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- ▶ The State resolved that hospitals should not be responsible for losses resulting from the payment of MDPCP Care Management Fees during the initial years
- ▶ On the flip side, hospitals should also not get credit for certain policies that improve our TCOC savings rate
- ▶ A full accounting of State policies not credited to hospitals more than offset CY 2019 and future MDPCP non-hospital spend
- ▶ Since additional dollars not necessary from hospitals to hit Medicare TCOC target, no action recommended at this time.
- ▶ Traditional MPA scoring will not be adjusted for any of these factors. The state will track the impact.

# Handling of Rate Adjustments in Calculating MPA and CRP adjustments

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- ▶ In addition to MDPCP and the differential change there are a number of other changes that will influence a hospital's performance on the MPA or in programs like ECIP:
  - ▶ Bonuses and Penalties for prior MPA or CRP performance
  - ▶ Capital funding through the update factor
  - ▶ Quality rewards/penalties from HSCRC all-payer programs
  - ▶ Deregulatory and other unusual rate setting adjustments
- ▶ For MPA Y1 we are not adjusting for any of these factors, we will need to determine the approach for Y2 and beyond.

# Handling of Rate Adjustments in Calculating MPA and CRP adjustments

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- ▶ **HSCRC's bias is to make no adjustments:**
  - ▶ Greater simplicity
  - ▶ Don't start down the slippery slope
  - ▶ Some items will not be material
  - ▶ MPA is measured on an attributed basis but the adjustments are on a hospital basis which complicates the calculation but also dilutes the impact of any one facility (i.e. a hospital's MPA results are impacted not just on their performance but by any hospital who treats their attributed beneficiaries).
- ▶ **HSCRC would propose to:**
  - ▶ Monitor the impact at a high level
  - ▶ To the extent material, consider adjustments effecting this and other policies in the future.

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# Benchmarking Update



# Update on Benchmarking

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- ▶ Expect to release cost comparisons with some drill down in mid-May in time for review prior to May TCOC meeting
- ▶ Initial comparison will compare:
  - ▶ Hospital Attributed Beneficiary Results to
  - ▶ Benchmark generated by blending county level benchmarks based on distribution of attributed beneficiaries
  - ▶ e.g. if GBMC attributed beneficiaries are 70% Baltimore County and 30% Baltimore City, GBMC's MPA attributed TCOC performance would be compared to a 70:30 blend of the benchmark groups for those two jurisdictions
- ▶ Working on process to adjust benchmark results to better match specific demographics of hospital's attributed beneficiaries (based on zip code distribution of attributed beneficiaries)

# Update on Benchmarking

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Let us know if you have feedback on the benchmark groups or MPA attainment approach reviewed in prior meetings!



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# Y3 Attribution Improvements and Other MPA Enhancements





# Attribution Improvements and Other Enhancements for Y3 (Laura)

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- ▶ **Suggestions received during review period**
  - ▶ Add Physician Assistants as eligible PCPs in referral pattern
  - ▶ Attribute patients to specialists when majority of care is with specialists, versus a PCP they may only see once
- ▶ **Open to suggestions for Y3 enhancements if there is strong support for changes**
  - ▶ HSCRC preference to keep attribution stable if possible
- ▶ **HSCRC working with MHA and partner hospitals to develop an MPA “Manual” to provide additional guidance, FAQs, and other help in the future**

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Next meeting:  
May 29, 2019



# Future meetings

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- ▶ **TCOC Work Group meetings**
  - ▶ May 29
  - ▶ July 31
  - ▶ September
- ▶ **HSCRC Commission meetings**
  - ▶ May 8
  - ▶ June 12

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Appendix 1:  
Y3 MPA Options for Incorporating  
Attainment



# Policy questions on reflecting Attainment in MPA formula for Year 3

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- ▶ **How? Simplest approach is to adjust hospitals' TCOC Benchmark based on Attainment**
  - ▶ Current TCOC Benchmark is previous year TCOC per capita increased by national growth minus 0.33%
- ▶ **Which hospitals should qualify for the Attainment adjustment?**
- ▶ **What is the appropriate size of the Attainment adjustment?**

# Attainment adjustment:

## Potential policy rationales and trade-offs

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- ▶ Lower the bar for MPA improvement for hospitals already at low TCOC per capita
  - ▶ Arguably harder for these hospitals to improve TCOC
  - ▶ However, State's financial tests are improvement only, with no accounting for attainment
  - ▶ Hospitals with lowest TCOC could have benchmark equal to national growth
- ▶ Raise the bar for improvement MPA for hospitals with high TCOC per capita
  - ▶ Arguably easier for these hospitals to improve TCOC
  - ▶ However, State's financial tests are improvement only, with no accounting for attainment

# Proposed Adjustment to MPA target based on benchmark performance

- A hospital's Traditional MPA target would be set based on how its adjusted performance versus its peer group compares to Maryland's overall performance (assumes Maryland will be more expensive on a blended basis).
- Example columns assume:
  - Maryland is 8% above the nation (1.08)

Hospital Performance vs Benchmark	MPA Traditional Target will be National Growth – X%,	Example Range of Values
2% points or more above Maryland Level	– 0.66%	Greater than 1.10
Between 2% points above Maryland Level and 2% points below Peer Benchmark	– 0.33%	Between 1.10 and 0.98
2% points or more below Peer Benchmark	– 0.00%	Less than 0.98

## Potential considerations:

- Make targets more / less challenging
- Make middle tier linear to avoid “cliffs”
- Should we add additional “tiers” of attainment performance or more differentiated growth targets between tiers

# Proposed Adjustment to MPA target based on benchmark performance

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1. Calculate each hospital's Adjusted-County Benchmark and Benchmark Level
  - Adjusted-County Benchmark is the straight average of its peer counties per capita TCOC performance adapted to a hospital's specific population as discussed in the benchmarking section.
  - Benchmark Level is the ratio of the hospital's per capita TCOC to the Adjusted County Benchmark stated as a ratio to 1.0
  
2. Establish the overall Maryland comparison to the nation based on the blend of the county performance (Maryland Benchmark Level):
  - County benchmarks are calculated (no hospital adjustment)
  - The resulting difference is aggregated to the state level using the relative number of MC FFS beneficiaries in each county
  - The result is stated as a ratio to 1.0
  
3. Hospital MPA Traditional Component targets are set by comparing its Benchmark Level to the Maryland Benchmark Level and 1.0 (average peer group performance)
  1. Above the Maryland Benchmark Level plus 2% points: National Growth – 0.66
  2. Between the Maryland Benchmark Level plus 2% points and 0.98: National Growth – 0.33
  3. Below the 0.98: National Growth

