

# Changes in Medicare Reimbursement: Goodbye SGR, Hello MACRA

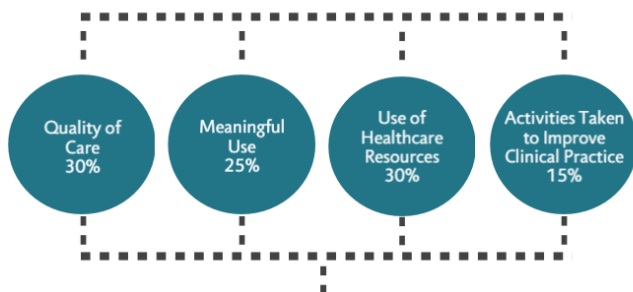
On April 16, 2015, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) repealed the SGR mechanism to the Physician Fee Schedule.

Under the new model, Medicare payments to physicians will increase by 0.5% a year from July 2015 to December 2018.

## But, what happens in January 2019?

### MIPS

Combines PQRS, VBM, and meaningful use into one larger program that gives doctors a quality score



Medicare will derive a mean score based on all physicians who participate in MIPS, which will be available online



In 2019, +/- 4%.  
In 2020, +/- 7%.  
In 2021, +/- 9%.

In 2021, a high scoring physician can make \$109.00 for every \$100 Medicare fee-for-service payment, or only \$91.00

or

### APMs

Payment arrangements that require a group of doctors to band together and take a lump sum of money to care for a defined group of patients

A 5% Medicare bonus each year from 2019 to 2024 on top of all other Medicare payments

Examples:  
ACOs  
Patient Centered Medical Homes  
Bundled Payments

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