Preparing for MACRA? Use ASGE’s Readiness Checklist to Stay Ahead of the Curve

1) **Know the rules of MACRA. Understand the basics and the impact on your practice.**

- **Online Resources:**
  - Visit ASGE’s [MACRA Implementation Resource Center](#) for an overview of the new Medicare Quality payment programs. Access fact sheets, category summaries, charts, articles and other resources.

- **Recorded ASGE Webinars:**
  - [MACRA Basics: The New Medicare Quality Payment Program](#)
  - [The Merit-Based Incentive Payment System: Understanding the Rules for Successful Participation in 2017](#)

- **ASGE Courses:**
  - [PM 101: GI Practice Management Essentials](#) (Sept. 8, Baltimore, MD)
  - [ASGE’s Practice Management Trifecta](#) (Nov. 16–19, Downers Grove, IL)

2) **Are you MIPS Exempt through one of the following?**

- $30,000 in Medicare Part B allowed charges per year.
- 100 Medicare patients per year.
- This is your first year within Medicare.

3) **Choose a Pick your Pace Option for 2017 reporting:**

- Testing
- Partial Participation
- Full Participation
- Participate in an APM

4) **How will you report?**

- Claims (*Quality category only*)
- Qualified Registry
- Qualified Clinical Data Registry
- Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Attestation (*Advancing Care, Improvement Activities categories only*)
- CMS Web Interface (Groups of 25+ only)

5) **Sign up for GIQuIC**

- The GIQuIC registry, founded by the ASGE and the American College of Gastroenterology, has been approved as a QCDR for the 2014-2016 reporting years and has self-nominated for the 2017 reporting year.
6) **Fulfill the MIPS Improvement Activities Performance Category Through the Following ASGE Programs:**

- **GI Operations Benchmarking Platform**
  - IA_PSPA_17: Assisting practices identify analytic capabilities to manage the total cost of care for practice populations.

- **Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program (EURP)**
  - IA_PSPA_19: Implementation of formal quality improvement methods, practice changes or other practice improvement processes.

- **Skills Training Assessment Reinforcement (STAR) Certificate Programs**
  - IA_PSPA_3: Participate in IHI Training/Forum Event; National Academy of Medicine, AHRQ Team STEPPS(R) or other similar activity.

- **Screening Colonoscopy Performance Improvement Module (PIM)**
  - IA_PSPA_2: Participation in MOC Part IV.

- **GIQuIC Qualified Clinical Data Registry-Related Activities**
  - There are a number of Improvement Activities for those participating in the GIQuIC Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR).

7) **Assess your EHR’s Readiness and ask your vendor the following questions:**

- Will your EHR system be ready to meet all relevant MIPS reporting requirements?
- If your EHR does not meet the 2015 Edition Certification criteria, has your EHR vendor provided you with a plan on how it will meet these standards by January 1, 2018?
- Does your EHR vendor have a plan to train clinicians and practice staff?

8) **Participate in PQRS for 2016**

- Gain familiarity with Medicare quality reporting and avoid a penalty for 2016. If new to PQRS, follow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) [2016 Implementation Guide](#).

9) **Review your CMS Quality Resource and Use Report (QRUR)**

- QRUR reports provide information on physician performance to physicians participating in Medicare in order to better understand the quality and efficiency of care provided to beneficiaries. Review your mid-year and annual reports [here](#).

10) **Determine if you are participating through an APM**

- Most gastroenterologists will report through MIPS for 2017. Please read ASGE’s APM fact sheet for more information on 2017 APM participation and requirements.