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

   - Will your practice’s 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?

7) **Participate in PQRS for 2016**

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

8) **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](#).

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

   Most gastroenterologists will report through the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for 2017. Please read ASGE’s APM fact sheet for more information on 2017 APM participation and requirements.