

Are You Ready ? Extra help is here!



By 2016, Medicare's goal is to have at least 85% of payments tied to quality and value. That's only one of many changes coming!

We want you to be ready.

In addition to caring for patients, clinicians face new expectations to quantify the value of care provided in order to get paid (Value Based Payment, VBP).

No matter what stage you're at in preparing for VBP changes **extra support is available** to eligible primary and specialty care practices in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont through the

Northern New England Practice Transformation Network (NNE-PTN).

Join and receive customized tools and technical assistance, like **PQRS Reporting**. These federally sponsored resources are available for a limited time, so take advantage of the extra help and boost your capacity to succeed. PTN will help you avoid penalties, maximize financial incentives, and ultimately build a practice where ***your patients, your team, and your business thrive.***

It's easy to join! Click [HERE](#) to register, or go to the [Maine Quality Counts website](#) to access the PTN registration page.

How can the NNE-PTN help?

Participating Practices receive these benefits:

- A baseline assessment of your readiness to succeed in today's health care environment, conducted by PTN staff in partnership with participating practices
- Create a specific plan addressing the needs of your practice, with a focus on identifying areas for improving patient care, practice team functioning, and the financial health of your practice
- Access to PQRS Solutions, a CMS-approved Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) vendor, offered at no cost to your practice (*Hurry, if you **sign up now**, there may still be time to submit PQRS data for 2015 and avoid penalties in 2017.*)
- Build practice systems to capture significant revenue dollars from underused CMS payment opportunities, such as the Medicare Annual Wellness Exam, Transitional Care Management, Chronic Care Management, and Advanced Care Planning codes.
- Understand and maximize current CMS payment incentives (and avoid future penalties), complying with the CMS Value Modifier and Merit Based Payment System (MIPS)
- Access a range of in-person and web-based quality improvement educational support and tools, including team-based care (e.g., TeamSTEPPS), patient self-management, and community resources tools
- Network with and learn from other primary care, specialist, and behavioral health practices and clinicians in your community
- Earn Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Part IV Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit for participating in PTN learning activities

What is the NNE-PTN?

The Northern New England Practice Transformation Network is a collaborative effort of trusted organizations in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont directly supporting clinicians and practices to achieve the “Triple Aim” of **better health outcomes, better patient care, and decreased care costs.**

NNE-PTN lead organizations are Maine Quality Counts (QC), the New Hampshire Citizens Health Initiative (NHCHI), and the Vermont Program for Quality in Healthcare (VPOHC)—all locally based with a unique understanding of the issues facing the region’s clinicians and practices.

The NNE-PTN is funded by the **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)** to support and accelerate the pace of practice change and position practices for value-based payment models.

For more, see the CMS [Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative](#) website.



How do I join the NNE-PTN? Are there requirements?

Your engagement and participation is all that’s required. Practices that join agree to:

- ◆ Identify two key contacts per practice to lead improvement efforts (clinical lead and administrative leader)
- ◆ Participate in a baseline practice assessment with PTN staff.
- ◆ Work with PTN staff to develop practice goals and strategies, based on assessment findings
- ◆ Participate in NNE-PTN learning activities, including PTN meetings, webinars and related educational events.
- ◆ Work with PTN staff to develop a system for reporting selected process and outcome measures on a quarterly basis
- ◆ Participate in *only one* Practice Transformation Network (PTN)

What results can I expect?

Participating practices will get help to successfully implement existing Medicare payments. The following is an estimate of what a practice could gain:

Solo Clinician Practice		3-Clinician Practice	
Wellness Visits	~\$30,000	Wellness Visits	~\$77,400
Transitional Care Management	~\$14,000	Transitional Care Management	~\$36,340
Chronic Care Management	~\$36,550	Chronic Care Management	~\$92,550
Total:		Total:	
Initial Year	~\$80,000	Initial Year	~\$206,290
Later Years	~\$70,358	Later Years	~\$181,540

For a 5-clinician practice, you could experience more than \$300,000 in annual gains

Additional Returns

- Improved health outcomes
- More connected care for patients and more time spent with patients
- Become a regional, state and national leader in practice transformation

Sign Up Today!

Joining is free and there’s no penalty to cancel. Participation is limited, so sign up now! Register [here](#) or go to www.mainequalitycounts.org/nneptn for the registration page and additional info, including state-specific contact information.