

Quality Payment Program Clinician Champions

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) requires CMS, by law, to implement an incentive program, referred to as the Quality Payment Program, that provides for two participation tracks:

- **The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)** – MIPS eligible clinicians select and report on measures and activities and receive a positive, neutral, or negative payment adjustment based on performance.
- **Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)** – Eligible clinicians may earn an APM incentive payment for sufficiently participating in certain innovative payment models.

To learn more about the Quality Payment Program, visit <https://qpp.cms.gov>

An important part of the Quality Payment Program includes partnering with clinicians, and those representing clinicians, through our Clinician Champions Program. We're looking for those who are enthusiastic about leading change and who can help conceptualize transformation and assist the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in exploring effective communication methods to their peers and other stakeholders.

Make Your Voice and Vision Heard

CMS is seeking thought leaders in practices across the country who enjoy thinking outside-of-the-box to find innovative ways to educate clinicians and generate an awareness about the Quality Payment Program. The Clinician Champions Program offers the opportunity to collaborate with CMS in a voluntary capacity, sharing insights and feedback from a community of peers. Current participants spend approximately 4-6 hours per month volunteering in this role. If you're eager to support clinician practice transformation, while helping CMS more effectively communicate about the Quality Payment Program, then joining this program may be right for you. Some of the responsibilities of Clinician Champions include:

- Providing grassroots, leading edge perspective on the value of the program as well as identifying peer concerns, challenges, and misconceptions
- Identifying clinically specific case studies and examples that demonstrate real life applicability of the program
- Sharing credible, authentic insights that can be promoted through national, regional, and local channels
- Speaking at conferences or leading focus groups and providing real-time feedback on the events or discussion to CMS
- Providing feedback on agency approaches to reduce administrative burden
- Participating in monthly meetings



Characteristics of a Successful Clinician Champion

Successful Clinician Champions are:

- Passionate about improving healthcare with transformation
- Enthusiastic about leading change
- Credible and can communicate the vision to clinicians across multiple settings
- Able to engage other clinicians to provide both input and feedback on opportunities and challenges
- Articulate communicators across settings
- Mentors and coaches to others
- Respectful of the CMS vision, scope, and objectives for the role

To be considered for the Clinician Champions Program, please submit an official nomination form and resume to QPPchampions@Lewin.com by June 8, 2018. For more information about becoming a QPP Clinician Champion, contact QPPchampions@Lewin.com.