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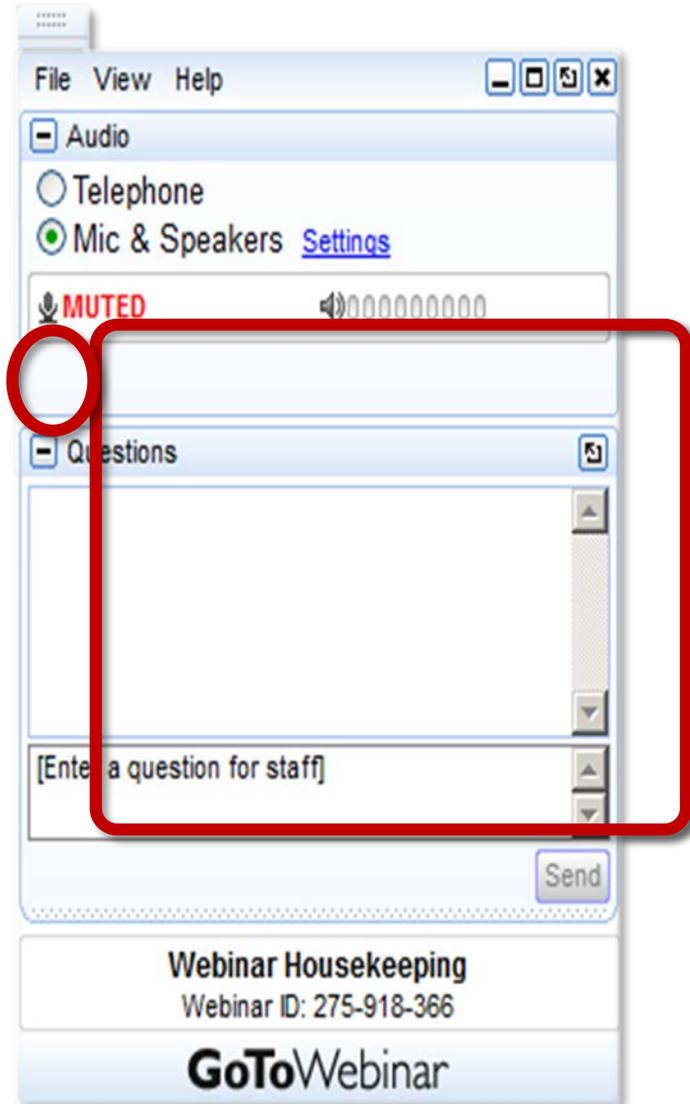
Joint Public Health Forum & CDC Nationwide

Webinar

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- Submit your text question and comments using the Question Panel
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A listening session with ONC
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The CMS Quality Payment Programs

- Signed into law on December 13, 2016, the 21st Century Cures Act is a bipartisan law that brings health care into the 21st century
- The purpose of the Act is to “help modernize and personalize health care, encourage greater innovation, support research, and streamline the system”¹ .
- Builds upon and amends the Public Health Service Act, the HITECH Act, the Social Security Act, and other existing laws

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Health IT in ACI

- Closing the Health IT Referral Loop
- Bridging the Information Gap across Care Settings
- Incentivizes Public Health and Population Health Management
- Streamlining Reporting and Providing Flexibility

Health IT in Quality

- Seamless Information Exchange through Health IT
- Flexible Options for Electronic Reporting
- End-to-End Electronic Reporting Bonus

Health IT in Improvement Activities

- Includes a wide range of options that leverage certified health IT to support eligible clinicians in implementing clinical practice improvements.
- Certified EHR Technology Bonus for Improvement Activities

Health IT In APMs

- At least 50 percent of the clinicians in an Advanced APM must use certified EHR technology
- Other payer APMs will align with Medicare APMs using certified EHR technology in future years
- APM Entities must comply with HIPAA and may also include additional APM specific technology initiatives

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The Advancing Care Information performance category includes measurement of eligible clinicians and groups use of certified EHR technology



Protect Patient Health Information
(yes required)



Electronic Prescribing
(numerator/denominator)



Patient Electronic Access
(numerator/denominator)



Coordination of Care Through Patient Engagement
(numerator/denominator)



Health Information Exchange
(numerator/denominator)



Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting

The Quality category includes a bonus for the end-to-end electronic reporting of CQMs which may include eCQMs related to immunization status.

Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization (CMS 147v5/NQF 0041)

Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults (CMS 127v4/NQF 0043)

Childhood Immunization Status (CMS117v5/NQF 0038)

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The CMS Quality Payment Programs

- How prepared is the public health community to support MIPS participants for 2017?
- Are there any areas in particular where you are noting issues of concern?
- Are these issues related to technology, to policy requirements, or to a general gap in understanding among participants?
- Are there any specific areas where CMS and ONC could provide additional guidance that might be of help?

The CMS Quality Payment Programs

- How prepared is the public health community to support MIPS participants for 2018?
- For 2018 participation, using the 2015 Edition, what are the specific concerns relating to technology changes, standards updates, or other technical area?
- Are these issues related to technology, to policy requirements, or to a general gap in understanding among participants?
- Are there any specific areas where CMS and ONC could provide additional guidance that might be of help?

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Health IT Policy Prioritizing and Strategic Planning

- What are the key policy areas you would identify as priorities for public health and health IT for the next 2 years? and 5 years?
- When you think about work in health IT policy that would support your efforts over the next 2 and 5 years, what are the gaps? What are the opportunities?
- Are there any areas where things have worked well on a small scale that might provide insight into potential “best practices”?
- Are there areas where ONC might serve as a convener to support further conversation and collaboration with other potential partners?



Questions?

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