

## **Approaches to MACRA implementation: Balancing MIPS and A-APMs**

**ISSUE:** The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) established a new framework for how Medicare pays for the services of physicians and other health professionals. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has issued final rules implementing the law for the first year of the program (2019). In general, clinicians will face a choice between two paths—the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and participation in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (A-APM).

**KEY POINTS:** This session will describe the law and its implementing regulations, and present some key issues for consideration.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should review the material, be prepared to ask questions and provide feedback on the issues discussed.

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