Are You Ready?

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.

Clinicians are focused on improving care for patients, yet they also face increasing expectations around value, cost and service. There’s a lot to keep track of in this rapidly changing world of clinical practice.

Fortunately, a new resource is available to primary and specialty care practices in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont:

**The Northern New England Practice Transformation Network (NNE-PTN)**

Joining the NNE-PTN gives you access to free (federally-funded), personalized technical assistance empowering you and your practice team to navigate the coming changes. With these tools, not only will you be ready—you’ll build a practice experience 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 practice’s readiness to succeed in today’s health care environment, conducted by PTN staff in partnership with participating practices
- A specific plan for supporting 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 (sign up by Jan 1, 2016 and you’ll qualify to get assistance with filing your CY2015 PQRS measures!)
- Assistance to build practice systems needed to capture significant revenue dollars from CMS payment opportunities that are often underused, such as the Medicare Annual Wellness Exam, Transitional Care Management, Chronic Care Management code, and Advanced Care Planning codes
- Help to maximize current CMS payment incentives and to avoid future financial penalties, such as those from the CMS Value Modifier and Merit Based Payment System (MIPS)
- Access to wide range of in person and web-based quality improvement and educational support and tools, including trainings on team-based care (e.g., TeamSTEPPS), patient self-management, and community resources tools
- Opportunities for networking and collaborative learning with other primary care, specialist, and behavioral health practices and clinicians in your community
- Opportunities to 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 (VPQHC)—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 a PTN Learning Collaborative; including regional learning events, webinars, as well as using online and related educational tools.
- Working with PTN staff, submit clinical quality measures through PQRS Solutions and provide other monthly data as required by CMS
- 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:

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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.