

# Provider Quality Incentive Program Essentials



## Program summary

### What is Provider Quality Incentive Program Essentials (PQIP Essentials or Program)?

PQIP Essentials rewards our valued providers for the quality care they provide our Medicaid members. Using a system of Scorecard Measures, PQIP Essentials encourages efficient, preventive and cost-effective health care practices. Eligible Primary Care Providers (PCPs) who meet quality benchmarks and medical cost management targets can receive additional payments for the care they provide.



### What is expected from our practice?

You will need to assign a point of contact in the practice who will be responsible for communication with Amerigroup Washington, Inc. during the Measurement Period. This person does not need to be a physician, but can be any person who is permitted to view protected health information.

### Will this take time away from our engagement with patients?

No, the Program is designed to reduce the administrative burden of past incentive programs. Everything you need to evaluate how you are doing is available within the Scorecards that are sent quarterly. You will have a direct and consistent contact from Amerigroup to help you along the way.



### How is our performance measured?

The results on the measures in the Program are a mix of claims-based and self-reported measures. Amerigroup will work with you to send in additional information. There is no expectation or need for you to submit supplemental data for the purposes of calculated results.

### What are our next steps to participate?



Return the signed contract document and *Point of Contact Form*. If you have any questions, please call your local Amerigroup Washington, Inc. representative.



## PQIP Essentials Scorecard and Incentive Payment

Below is a quick snapshot of how the Scorecard and Incentive Payment is set up in PQIP Essentials. The *Program Description* provides the measures, market-specific Targets and the Per Member, Per Month (PMPM) available to earn when Targets are met. Your results are sent quarterly by Amerigroup to help you improve your results and display your Total PMPM Earned based on your results. Further details on measures and Targets are available in the *Program Description* included in the recruitment packet.

### Program model

#### Scorecard

- Performance is assessed at the metric level using standard scoring methodology for each measure.

#### Metrics

- Limited set of quality, utilization and access measures are used.
- Dedicated dollars are tied to specific measures.

#### Payment

- Payment is done retrospectively as an annual lump sum payout.
- The lump sum is derived from a flat rate PMPM Earned for each measure at a TIN level.

## Incentive calculation

The PMPM Earned on the scorecard is multiplied by the total Member Months to get to incentive payment.

$$\text{Earned PMPM} \times \text{Total Member Months} = \text{Lump sum payout}$$

$$\text{\$5 Earned PMPM} \times \text{3,600 Member Months*} = \text{\$18,000 Incentive payout}$$

\* Member Months: 300 Members X 12 months

Note: Eligibility criteria has to be met for an incentive payment in the program. Please refer to the *Program Description* for details on the requirements.