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- [ASCO's Advocacy Toolkit](#): Learn more about efforts to improve cancer care and research and how to get involved
- [ASCO Practice Central](#): Information, tools, and resources to help practices provide high-quality patient care
- [Health Equity](#): Resources to help the cancer community better understand and address health equity issues in oncology research and care
- [ASCO Association PAC](#): Learn more about the PAC

## Know Before You Go! Upcoming Affiliate Events

We are excited for the State Affiliate Council Meeting & State Affiliate Leadership Conference next week. Please review the below agendas in advance and come ready to engage in the discussion on behalf of your state society members.

- **Hybrid Executive Directors' Only Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Eastern
- **Hybrid State Affiliate Council Meeting**  
Thursday, October 12, 2023  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern
- **Networking Reception & Games (In person Only)**  
Thursday, October 12, 2023  
4:00 PM-5:30 PM Eastern
- **Hybrid State Affiliate Leadership Conference**  
Friday, October 13, 2023  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Eastern

Please review this “Know Before You Go” [message](#) before leaving for DC or logging into Zoom to ensure you gain the most from each event. If you have any questions, please contact [Lisa-Marie Pratt](#).

## REMINDER: MIPS Targeted Review Deadline is October 9

On August 10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services made available 2022 MIPS performance feedback, which determines whether physicians will receive a positive, neutral, or negative payment adjustment on Medicare services furnished in 2024. The American Medical Association (AMA) has heard alarming reports of physicians facing Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) penalties in 2024 for the first time since the program started. We strongly encourage you to view this information as soon as possible for two reasons:

1. If there are any errors, you should consider submitting an appeal, also called a targeted review. For more information about how to request a targeted review, please refer to the [2022 Targeted Review User Guide](#). The deadline to submit a targeted review is 8:00 PM Eastern, October 9, 2023.
2. You can help us advocate against Medicare physician payment cuts in 2024 by sharing this information. If you feel comfortable, you can share de-identified score and corresponding payment adjustment information. This will inform our understanding of the impact of MIPS on physician payment in 2024 and can help us in our conversations with the administration and Congress about ensuring physician payment supports high-quality care to Medicare patients. Please share your information by emailing the AMA Advocacy staff at [ama.advocacy@ama-assn.org](mailto:ama.advocacy@ama-assn.org).

Physicians can view their 2022 MIPS Performance Feedback information on the [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) site](#) using their HCQIS Access Role and Profile (HARP) credentials. The CMS Payment Adjustment [User Guide](#) walks through the process of accessing and downloading performance feedback.

## Reminder: 2023 MIPS Value Pathway Registration is Open

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Value Pathways (MVPs) registration window is open for the 2023 performance year. Individuals, groups, subgroups, and Alternative Payment Model Entities that wish to report an MVP can register **until November 30, at 8:00 PM Eastern**.

For the 2023 performance year, MVPs are a new, voluntary way to meet MIPS reporting requirements. Each MVP includes a subset of measures and activities that are related to a specialty or medical condition to offer more meaningful participation in MIPS.

Visit [explore MVPs](#) to review the available MVPs finalized for the 2023 performance year. If you are not sure how you will report for MIPS in 2023 you can [learn more about the MVP reporting option](#) on the QPP website.

## Report: Cancer Community Making Progress in Achieving Equity in Care for Sexual and Gender Minority Communities

A [new report](#) in JCO Oncology Practice published today outlines progress made towards reducing cancer disparities among sexual and gender minorities (also known as LGBTQ+ individuals) and achieving equity across patient education and support, workforce development and diversity, quality improvement, policy, and research since the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO) 2017 [position statement](#). The report also highlights current efforts and future directions for continued progress to achieve equity. [Read more on ASCO in Action](#).

## ASCO's October 2023 Coding Tip: Office Visits and Chemo

Can an evaluation and management service be reported on the same day as chemotherapy services? Find out in this month's ASCO Practice Central's [Coding and Reimbursement page](#).

As a value-added service to our members, our Coverage and Reimbursement team updates and adds resources continually to provide up-to-date information on coding, reporting, and reimbursement for oncology. Discover additional resources at the [Coding and Reimbursement](#) and [Medicare program](#) sections of ASCO Practice Central.

As a reminder, staff can provide coding and billing presentations upon request. Please complete the [speaker request form](#) if your state society is interested.