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# CAN CALL

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# Reminders

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- **This call is being recorded Playback instructions will be sent later.**
- **Reminder - Unmute your lines to participate in a discussion**
  - If using the audio of your PC - see the unmute button on web software desktop
  - If using your telephone for audio – use \*6. Toggles between mute and unmute.
- **Please do not place our call on “hold” while unmuted.**



# Welcome!

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- **Gregory Crisp, Cancer Clinic**
- **Stacy Goetz, Hematology & Oncology Associates of NEPA**
- **Jim Steggeman, Samaritan Medical Center**



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# PRELIMINARY RULES – MIPS, PFS, HOPPS

# MIPS Preliminary Rule

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- **Potential inclusion of Part B drug Costs to MIPS adjustments**
- **0% – 30% weight on costs**
- **CAHPS for MIPS – (More to follow)**
- **Risk thresholds and AAPMs**
- **TIN vs NPI**
- **Data completion thresholds for categories**
- **Complex patient bonus**
- **Burden**



# PFS Preliminary Rule

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- **Conversion factor increase FROM 35.8887 TO 35.9903**
- **Radiation therapy updates – 77261-77263**
- **Flow cytometry misvalued codes – 88184-88185**
- **Some chemo/hydration codes being reduced**
- **Considering removal of some of the CPT-97 requirements for:**
  - **Physical exam**
  - **History**
- **Considering single Q-code for all biosimilars with single ASP**
- **New telehealth codes being considered**
- **Comments requested regarding burden**



# PFS Preliminary Rule - sample findings W/O GPCI

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- E&M +1.0%
- Infusion -0.1%
- Imaging -4.1%
- Radiation +1.2
- Total +0.3%

(Adjusted for annual volume.)



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# PFS Preliminary Rule - reference

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- To submit comments to the proposed rule:  
<https://www.regulations.gov/searchResults?rpp=25&po=0&s=CMS-1676-P&fp=true&ns=true>
  - CMS-1676-P
  - Due 9/11
- Model for estimating the impact of changes:
  - <http://can.communityoncology.org/site/forms.htm>
  - 2018 Medicare PFS Impact Preliminary Rule





# HOPPS Preliminary Rule

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- **BIG ITEM**

CMS proposes to pay for drugs purchased under the 340B program at ASP minus 22.5% vs. ASP +6%.





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# 340B COMMENTS & ADVOCACY PUSH

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Director of Communications

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# 340B Comments & Advocacy Push

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- CMS proposal to reform 340B program is open for comments
  - As part of HOPPS, published July 20th
  - Want to read proposal? Google: CMS-1678-P
- **We have talked about the problems with 340B for years and NOW is the time to step up and take action.**
  - No one else is going to do this for your practice. It is up to you.
- Opportunity for real reform to stop abuses by **some** the program.
- Important to get as many comments into CMS - from everyone practices, physicians, staff, patients, etc.
- Comments due by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – just 18 days from now!



# 340B Comments & Advocacy Push

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- Big push from COA to get as many comments as possible submitted to CMS on the 340B reform proposal - by September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **COA has compiled easy-to-use resources for practices to collect and submit comments**
  - Look for email from Nick Ferreyros yesterday at 12:41 pm ET to the CAN.
- Resources include:
  - How to submit comments overview guide \*Official comments are preferred
  - 340B action web page [www.communityoncology.org/340B](http://www.communityoncology.org/340B)
  - Petition for waiting rooms
  - Email alert to patients
  - And more – fact sheet, video, PowerPoint, talking points, etc.
- Op-ed/Letter to Editor - Let us know if you want to write one!



# 340B Comments & Advocacy Push

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- **We have talked about the problems with 340B for years and NOW is the time to step up and take action.**
  - This is the time to do something about the abuses of 340B in some hospitals.
- No one else is going to engage on this to support 340B changes.
  - It is up to us in community oncology.
- So submit comments – get everyone to submit comments
  - This isn't a “one and done” of sending one comment letter.
  - It's getting all your MDs, nurses, staff, etc. involved and also letting your patients know how this affects them.



# Updates

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- **More on MIPS and CAHPS**
  - Complicated and confusing
  - Current OMH patient survey users who want to use for MIPS:
    - See <https://bivarus.com>
    - Contact Amos Slaymaker, [aslaymaker@bivarus.com](mailto:aslaymaker@bivarus.com)
  - Or... if you want to use patient surveying towards MIPS points and you do not have a vendor:
    - See <https://bivarus.com>
    - Contact Amos Slaymaker, [aslaymaker@bivarus.com](mailto:aslaymaker@bivarus.com)
- **COA TV**



# Community Oncology TV

Sign up!

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Director of Communications  
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# Community Oncology TV

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- **National waiting room TV network**
  - Launched in April - Now in 500+ practices, 13 states
- **Variety of programming telling YOUR stories**
- **including:**
  - Cancer Policy Minute (latest from Washington, DC)
  - Spotlight on Cancer Care (Community stories)
  - Know Your Cancer Care (informative, educational)
  - Message from Our Sponsors
- **Alongside local news, weather, and pop culture programming patients love**
- **Customizable content for your practice**
  - Event announcements, appointment reminders,
  - New locations/services announcements, marketing



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# Community Oncology TV

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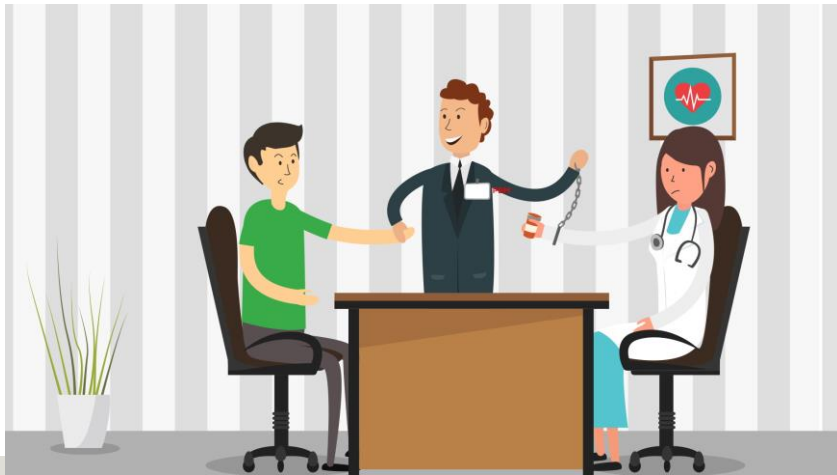
- **Schedule a demo & information session**

- Contact Dan Branch [dan.branch@patientpoint.com](mailto:dan.branch@patientpoint.com)
- PatientPoint - [www.patientpoint.com](http://www.patientpoint.com)



- **Complete free TV screens and content**

- Everything is **COMPLETELY FREE** to you - we set up, maintain it all



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# CAN Strategic Plan

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- **Mentor program**
- **In process**
  - Reviewing IT/measures options
  - Gathering templates for policies and letters
- **On the horizon**
  - Changes to the CAN site
  - Archived listserv discussions
  - Training videos being discussed





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## QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



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**THANK YOU!**

Next CAN Call – Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, – 2:00 pm ET