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CTHealthLink Provides Connecticut Physicians with Quality Reporting Registry

(March 27, 2018) Physicians and clinicians participating in Connecticut's health information network, CTHealthLink, have a trusted choice when reporting key components of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) as a part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Quality Payment Program (QPP). CTHealthLink received notification its Doctors Quality Reporting Network Qualified Clinical Data Registry for Quality Reporting (QCDR) application has the stamp of approval from CMS for 2018.

As a CMS-approved QCDR, the Doctors Quality Reporting Network can collect clinical data on behalf of participating clinicians for data submission and compute quality measures across providers, creating the potential for even higher quality scores and a more accurate, patient-centric view of the quality of care delivered. This is in stark contrast to the current model which computes quality measures from only the data in the provider's EHR.

"One key benefit to using Doctors Quality Reporting Network is CMS submissions can be calculated using data extracted directly from the CTHealthLink health information exchange, thereby decreasing the reporting burden," said Jeffrey Gordon, MD, CTHealthLink Advisory Committee chairman. "This helps Connecticut physicians and clinicians make the transition to value-based payments and quality reporting as efficient and as seamless as possible."

The Doctors Quality Reporting Network currently submits National Council on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and ONC certified electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), Advancing Care Information (ACI) and Improvement Activities (IA) to CMS. To utilize the Doctors Quality Reporting Network, physicians and clinicians must be participating members of CTHealthLink.

For more information on the Doctors Quality Reporting Network, and CTHealthLink visit www.cthealthlink.com.

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About CHealthLink

CHealthLink is a physician-led health information network delivered in partnership with the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and KaMMCO Health Solutions, offering a suite of health information technology tools to help health professionals share patient information while employing powerful analytic reports designed to help improve clinical outcomes, reduce inefficiencies, and positively impact patient safety.

CHealthLink provides participating physicians with the tools necessary to: access patient information in a timely, secure manner; improve care coordination and patient safety; increase physician/patient communication; engage patients through an online patient portal; utilize patient panel and population health analytics in a meaningful way; effectively transition to a value-based payment model; and support efforts to meet requirements for MIPS/APMs.

About Connecticut State Medical Society

CSMS is one of the oldest medical societies in the United States, founded in 1792 and serving more than 6,000 Connecticut physicians. The mission of CSMS is to be the voice of all Connecticut physicians; to lead physicians in advocacy; to promote the profession of medicine; to improve the quality of care; and to safeguard the health of patients.

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