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Agenda

- Mechanisms for capturing the types of services typically furnished during the global period
- Determining the representative sample for the claims-based data collection
- Determining whether CMS should collect data on all surgical services or which services should be sampled
- Potential for designing data collection elements to interface with existing infrastructure used to track follow-up visits within the global period
- Consideration of use of 5% withhold until required information is furnished

Mechanisms for Capturing the Types of Services Typically Furnished During the Global Period

- What information would help improve the accuracy of valuation of the range of services paid for through global packages, including the pre-surgical and post-surgical care?
- Which of these elements might be provided on a claim if reporting on activities for which no separate payment is made was required? What coding changes would be needed for such data to be provided on claims?
- What methods other than claims-based reporting could CMS use to capture the activities typically provided during the global period?
- What other data collection, if any, should occur concurrently with claims reporting?
- Which of the activities are most difficult to measure and report?
- How much consistency is there among patients in terms of the services provided pre- and post-operatively? What factors cause a variation in the services/activities that occur?

Determining the Representative Sample for the Claims-based Data Collection

- How could a representative sample be determined?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages with requiring reporting only by a representative sample?

Determining Whether CMS Should Collect Data on all Surgical Services or Which Services Should be Sampled

- If it is determined that data cannot be collected on all surgical services, how should CMS prioritize the services or kinds of services for which data will be collected?
- Are there administrative burdens/advantages associated with reporting claims-based data on a specified subset of services within global periods?

Potential for Designing Data Collection Elements to Interface with Existing Infrastructure Used to Track Follow-up Visits Within the Global Period

- What mechanisms, including those associated with billing systems, are currently used by providers to track activities (including visits) that are furnished but are not separately billed?
- How could the data collection most effectively align with the ways this data is currently collected by providers?

Potential Withhold of 5% of Payment

- Would compliance with the requirement to report be enhanced if the 5% withhold authorized in the statute was used?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the 5% withhold?
- How would we link the post-operative visit/activities reporting to the original surgery?

Acronyms in this Presentation

- MACRA: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

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