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MACRA and MIPS: An Analysis of the Final QRUR for the Full Year 2015 and the Value-Based Payment Modifier to be applied in 2017.

Final QRUR for the Full Year: 2015

Released on September 27, 2016, this is an analysis of the **2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Report (GRUR)** and the **2017 Value-Based Payment modifier**. The full report can be reviewed at: <http://www.jameslhollymd.com/Letters/pdfs/cms-quality-resource-and-utilization-report-qrur-data-for-2015-for-setma-final.pdf>.

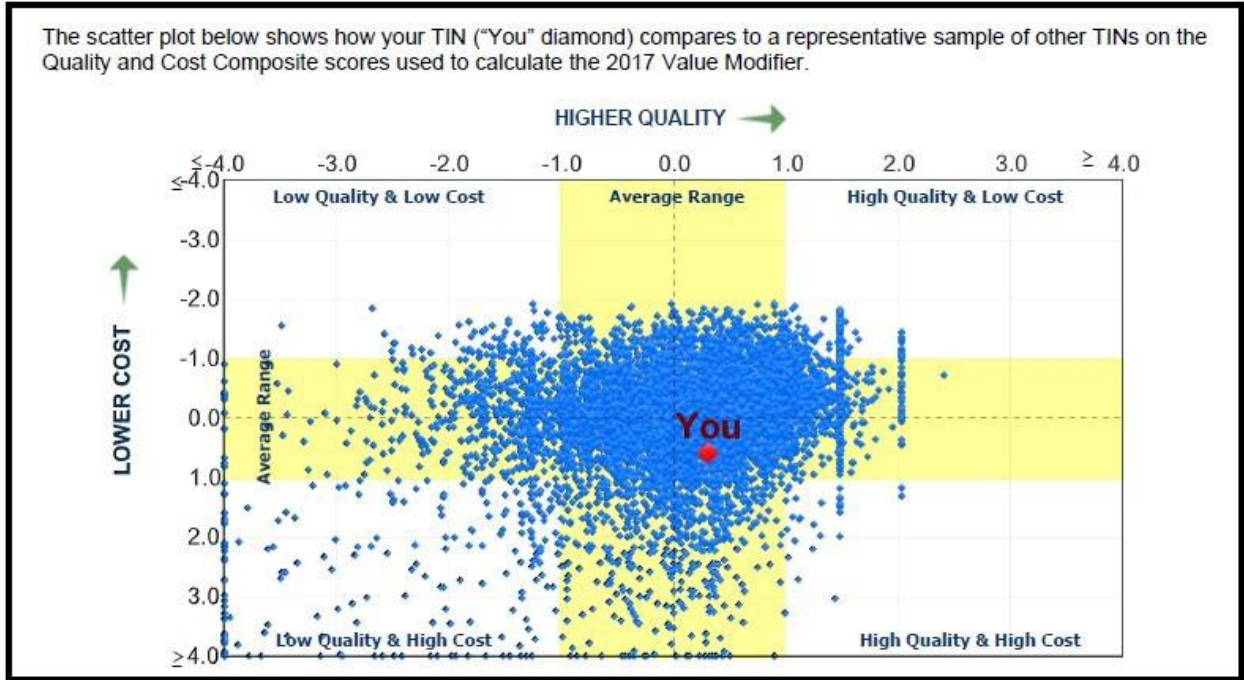
Mid-Year GRUR for Half Year: 2015

These results can be contrasted with the 2015 Mid-Year Quality and Resource Use Report: <http://www.jameslhollymd.com/Letters/pdfs/cms-quality-resource-and-utilization-report-qrur-data-for-2015-for-setma.pdf>.

Summary of GRUR Results for Full Year: 2014

The 2015 Mid-Year and 2015 Final Year QRUR can be contrasted with the summary from 2014 results which are displayed at: <http://www.jameslhollymd.com/Letters/mips-advanced-care-information-clinical-practice-improvement-pc-mh>.

The following is the “scatter plot” for 2015 of a representative sample of other Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN):



SETMA’s TIN’s overall performance was determined to be average on quality measures and average on cost measures. Therefore, the Value Modifier applied to payments for items and services under the Medicare Physician Fess Schedule for physicians billing under SETMA’s TIN will result in a neutral adjustment, meaning no adjustment (0.0%). All of the options under MACRA and MIPS for Value Modifier Payment Adjustments under Quality-Tiering are seen in the following exhibit.

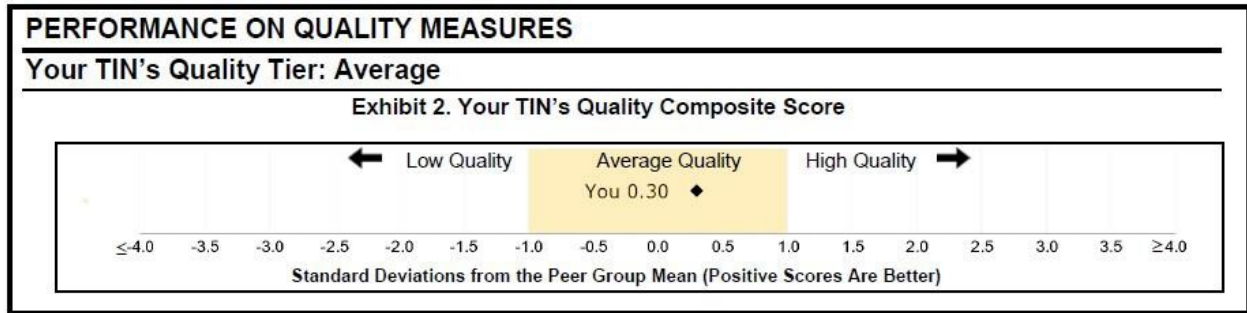
**Exhibit 1. 2017 Value Modifier Payment Adjustments under Quality-Tiering
(TINs with 10 or More Eligible Professionals)**

	Low Quality	Average Quality	High Quality
Low Cost	0.0%	+2.0 x AF	+4.0 x AF
Average Cost	-2.0%	0.0%	+2.0 x AF
High Cost	-4.0%	-2.0%	0.0%

The Range of Average Performance on both the Quality Composite Score and on the Cost/Resource Utilization Score is with a one standard deviation above our below the mean (or average). SETMA’s performance on quality measures is show in the exhibit below to be 0.30 above the mean. In the case of quality higher is better.

It will be SETMA’s goal in 2017 to improve our quality performance to at least one standard deviation above the meant so as to move SETMA into the High Quality quadrants in the scatter plot above and simultaneously to move into the Low Cost quadrant in that scatter plot. This would place SETMA in the Right Upper Quadrant of the scatter plot.

Our plans for doing that are discussed in the document at the following link: <http://www.jamesholllymd.com/Letters/requirements-of-the-medicare-access-and-chip-reauthorization-act>, and in other publications on our website.



Effective Clinical Care Domain Quality Indicator Performance for 2015

The 2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Report (GRUR) and the 2017 Value-Based Payment modifier includes the following **Effective Clinical Care Domain Quality Indicator Performance**. The full report can be reviewed at: <http://www.jamesholllymd.com/Letters/pdfs/cms-quality-resource-and-utilization-report-grur-data-for-2015-for-setma-final.pdf>.

Exhibit 3-ECC. Effective Clinical Care Domain Quality Indicator Performance

Domain Score

You 0.45 ◆

Standard deviations from the mean (positive scores are better)

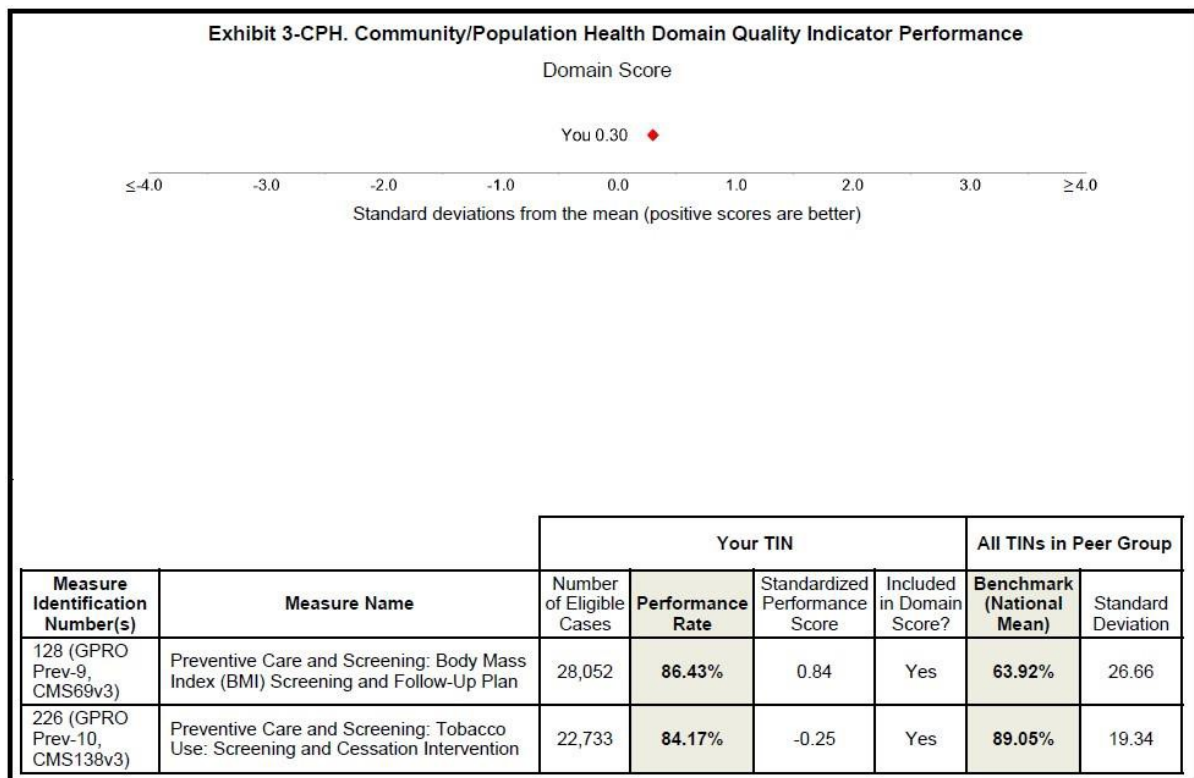
Measure Identification Number(s)	Measure Name	Your TIN				All TINs in Peer Group	
		Number of Eligible Cases	Performance Rate	Standardized Performance Score	Included in Domain Score?	Benchmark (National Mean)	Standard Deviation
119 (CMS134v3)	Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	6,197	88.58%	0.55	Yes	76.06%	22.93
204 (GPRO IVD-2, CMS164v3)	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic	4,905	72.66%	-0.28	Yes	79.60%	25.03
236 (GPRO HTN-2, CMS165v3)	Controlling High Blood Pressure	15,162	71.88%	0.19	Yes	69.03%	14.78
241 (CMS182v4)	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Profile and LDL-C Control (< 100 mg/dL)	4,010	77.88%	1.34	Yes	51.53%	19.66
316 (CMS61v4)	Preventive Care and Screening: Cholesterol - Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Test Performed	27,545	74.51%	—	No	—	—
316 (CMS64v4)	Preventive Care and Screening: Risk-Stratified Cholesterol - Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C)	21,299	75.67%	—	No	—	—

As can be seen in this data performance on the following quality indicators were very good except for one (in quality measures a positive standard deviation is good; a negative is below standards and above a 1.0 standard deviation places the group in the high quality performance quadrant).

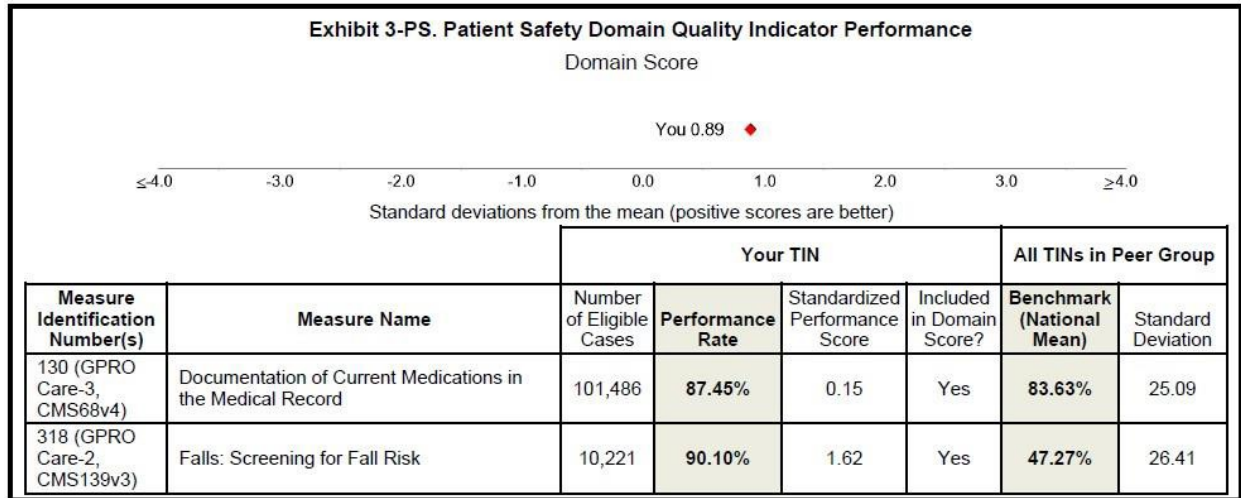
- **Diabetes Medical Attention for Nephropathy**, standard deviation **positive 0.56**. The mean was 76.6% and SETMA's performance was **88.58%**.
- **Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic**, standard deviation was a **negative 0.28**. The mean was 79.60% and SETMA's performance was **72.66%**. This is the only element of this domain which was substandard for SETMA.
- **Preventive Care and Screening Cholesterol Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Test Performed**, standard deviation is a **positive 1.34**. The mean was 51.53% and SETMA's performance was **77.88%**.

Community/Population Health Domain Quality Indicator Performance

The following is the composite score for the domain. SETMA's composite score is 0.30 standard deviation above the mean, which is positive. However, it will be our intention to move this in 2017 to at least one standard deviation above the mean.



Patient Safety Domain Quality Indicator Performance



Two measures are included in this domain:

- **Documentation of Current Medication in the Medical Record**, standard deviation, **positive 0.15**. The mean is 83.63%; SETMA performance is **87.45%**.
- **Falls, Screening for Fall Risk**, standard deviation **positive 1.62**. The mean is 47.27%, SETMA's performance is **90.10%**.

Performance on Cost Measures

SETMA's cost for treating Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries remains above the mean but still within one standard deviation. We have instituted steps to decrease our rate of admissions and to look at cost outliers which may be able to move us toward the mean on cost.

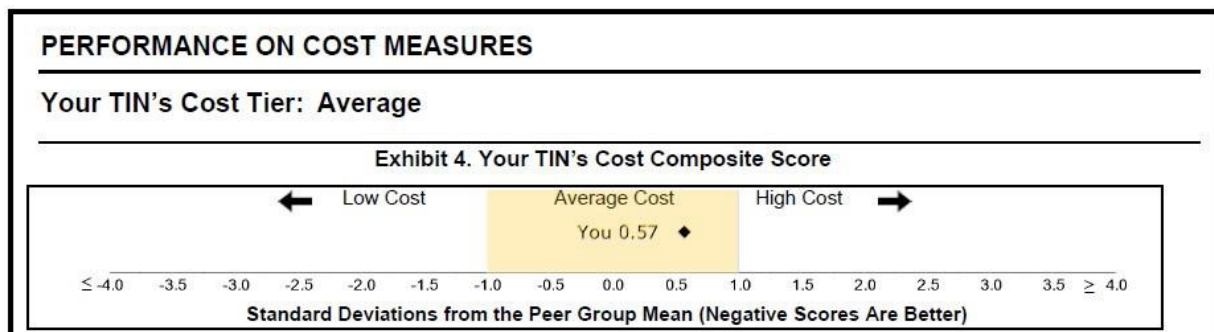


Exhibit 5-AAB. Costs for All Attributed Beneficiaries Domain

Domain Score

You 0.56 ♦

-4.0 -3.0 -2.0 -1.0 0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

Standard deviations from the mean domain score (negative scores are better)

Cost Measure	Your TIN				All TINs in Peer Group	
	Number of Eligible Cases or Episodes	Per Capita or Per Episode Costs	Standardized Cost Score	Included in Domain Score?	Benchmark (National Mean)	Standard Deviation
Per Capita Costs for All Attributed Beneficiaries	5,173	\$14,320	0.54	Yes	\$12,326	\$3,665
Medicare Spending per Beneficiary	668	\$21,310	0.57	Yes	\$20,599	\$1,254