

Specialist – Alternate Payment Model (APM) General Readiness

Specialists may have opportunities to participate in APMs such as shared savings programs or bundled payment/episode models. For specialists, successful APM participation may depend on being prepared to collaborate in new ways to produce high quality, efficient, evidence-based, and patient-centered care.

The following are general indicators of specialist readiness for APM participation.

In addition to these indicators, accountable care organizations or bundled payment convener organizations may have their own participation requirements and expectations that practices should review.

Prepared to implement strategies for reducing costs while maintaining or improving quality:

- Improve coordination and communications with primary care.
- Identify strategies for unnecessary costs, duplicated tests, low value services through improved coordination.
- Work with primary care providers to promote appropriate, high-quality referrals.
- Assess/improve patient education and engagement.

EMR use:

- Practice uses certified EMR.
- Practice can report quality measures from EMR.
- Practice has taken steps to manage provider documentation burden.