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Upcoming 2022 CMS MIPS Requirements

Per the final rule by the Centers for

Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Health and Human Services (HHS), a new attestation has been added for a selfassessment using the **SAFER High Priority** Practice Guide. The attestation has been added to the MIPS Promoting Interoperability (PI) Protect Patient Health Information objective, beginning with the CY 2022 performance period/2024 MIPS payment year.

The complete guide can be accessed <u>here</u>.



What are the SAFER Guides?

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) developed and initially released the Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience Guides (SAFER Guides) in 2014 and later updated them in 2016. The series of nine user guides supports the ability of health care providers to address EHR safety. Collectively, the SAFER Guides help health care organizations at all levels, from small practices to multi-system chains and tertiary care facilities, to conduct self-assessments that optimize the safety and safe use of EHRs. The SAFER Guides were intended to be utilized by EHR users, developers, patient safety organizations, and those who are concerned with optimizing the safe use of health IT.



Quality Payment

Updated eCQM Specifications and Implementation Resources for 2023 Reporting/Performance Period

> CMS updates the specifications annually to align with current clinical guidelines and code systems so they remain relevant and actionable within the clinical care setting. Measures will not



CMS has posted the *electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM)* specifications for the 2023 reporting/performance period for:

- <u>Eligible Hospitals (EHs) + Critical Access</u> <u>Hospitals (CAHs)</u>
- <u>EH/CAH Pre-Rulemaking</u>
- <u>Hospital Hybrid</u>
- Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR)
- Eligible Clinician programs

be eligible for 2023 reporting unless and until they are proposed and finalized through noticeand-comment rulemaking for each applicable program.

For more information, visit the <u>eCQI Resource</u> <u>Center</u>.

Healthcare **IT** News

Advanced Analytics Can Help Solve SDoH Problems

In recent years, there has been a spotlight on *longstanding issues* with healthcare inequities due to underlying **social determinants of health** issues, such as *food insecurity, living in a food desert, a lack of reliable transportation and unequal access to care.*

However, many in health IT contend that healthcare provider organizations can use advanced analytics to surface key insights about their patient populations and take action to ensure all



Sheila Talton, CEO of Gray Matter Analytics

Photo: Gray Matter Analytics

Sheila Talton is CEO of Gray Matter Analytics which offers value-based care healthcare analytics as a service. She is a believer in analytics helping to solve SDoH problems.

Healthcare IT News interviewed Talton to get her expert insights into why **SDOH issues are so important yet often overlooked**, how advanced analytics can be one of the big answers to the SDOH problem, how organizations can surface key SDOH insights patients have equal access to high-quality care.

about their patient populations, and how executives in charge of analytics can help turn insights into action.

Explore the full interview and learn how analytics can help clinicians treat SDoH issues <u>here</u>.

OFMQ Project Feature

KFRESH



The mission of OKFresh is to help Oklahomans get more food for less! This project is a partnership between OFMQ, Onie Project, Walmart, health care providers, farmers markets, and others in Lawton, Muskogee, and Oklahoma City. We are able to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, and eggs to individuals and families through local farmers markets. The farmers markets have locally grown, affordable, fresh produce that is sold by easily accessible vendors. For more information and participating clinics, please visit okfresh.org.

The **OKFresh** program has helped bring many new customers to the local Farmers markets, with a financial incentive to purchase fresh local produce and other healthy foods.



"As many participants have told us, this program has not only benefited the health of OKFresh members and their families, but it also helps support our local farmers, ranchers, and other food producers, keeping food dollars closer to home."

– Doug Walton, Muskogee Farmers Market Manager



- 661 families have attended the farmers' market
- Over 20,000 lbs. of fresh produce has been purchased
- Over \$7,700 in farmers market sales were from SNAP participating families
- 20 healthcare organizations screening patients for food insecurity
- *Significant decrease* in participants who were concerned about *food insecurity*
- Increase in consumption of fruit 2-4 times a day

OKFresh has invested over \$55,500 into three communities to support families struggling with food insecurity and local farmers markets!

Free Month of June!



Free Month of June is an annual event we launched last year to support our OKFresh participants!

This is a great opportunity for new members to try out the program and for our current members to receive a fun bonus!

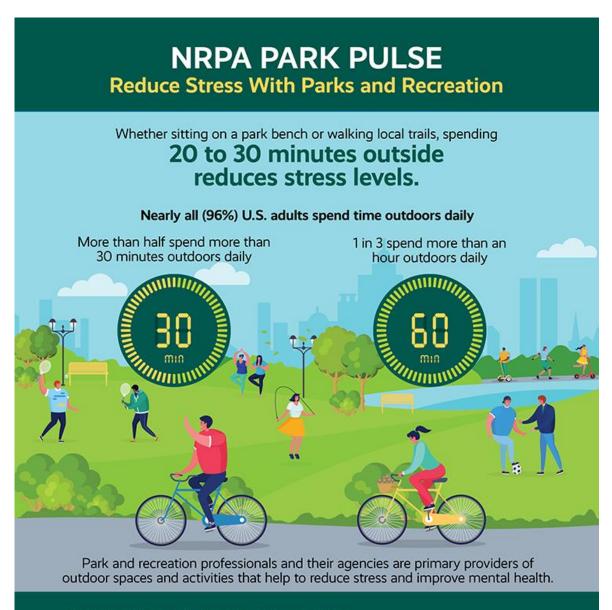
Kids are home from school during the summer, and food doesn't go as far. The **free month of June** is a great way to get more bang for your buck and bring your whole family to the famers market!

Follow along with this project on the OKFresh Instagram and Facebook!

Family Health and Fitness Day June 11, 2022



Family Health & Fitness Day will be held on June 11, 2022! Celebrated the second Saturday in June each year, this special day promotes the importance of parks and recreation in keeping communities healthy and active. As little as 20 minutes a day spent outdoors helps reduce stress. According to a <u>poll</u> conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association, 58 percent of U.S. adults spend more than 30 minutes a day outside.



Each month, through a poll of 1,000 U.S. residents focused on park and recreation issues, NRPA Park Pulse helps tell the park and recreation story. Questions span from the serious to the more lighthearted. The survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com).



NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

Visit nrpa.org/ParkPulse for more information.

#NRPAFamilyFitDay

Happy Father's Day! June 19, 2022



June HIT List:

- New Data Added to 2021 Preliminary MIPS Feedback
- Next Data Submission for the <u>CAHPS® Home and</u> <u>Community-Based Services Survey</u>: August 8-26, 2022
- HHS Office for Civil Rights in Action Reminder: Public Comment Period on <u>HITECH RFI</u> Closes on June 6, 2022
- CMS Now Accepting <u>Public Comments on the Draft</u> <u>2023 CMS QRDA III Implementation Guide</u> and Schematron for Eligible Clinicians Programs





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