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CMS Dips Toe Into MACRA Shift

As most practices know, CMS is planning to overhaul the Medicare payment system by 2018, with slow changes taking place each year until then. CMS is asking for feedback on several of the components of MACRA that could kick in this January, such as how to define physician-focused payment models.

"CMS is building on the important work of Congress to shift the Medicare program toward a system that rewards physicians for providing high quality care," said CMS Administrator **Andy Slavitt** in a July 8 statement.

In addition, you can also offer your opinion on aspects of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), which will eventually ensure that providers can collect bonuses for clinical quality reports once MACRA is fully implemented. To read all of the alternative payment model information, check out the proposed rule at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2015-16875.pdf>.