



THE CMS APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA PROGRAM

The provider's handbook

PART 3

Program timeline



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The timeline for the Medicare Appropriate Use Criteria Program

C M S P R O G R A M T I M E L I N E

APRIL
2014

Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) is signed into law, requiring provider use of appropriate use criteria (AUC) via clinical decision support (CDS) for advanced imaging

NOV
2015

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) 2016 final rule established AUC approval process

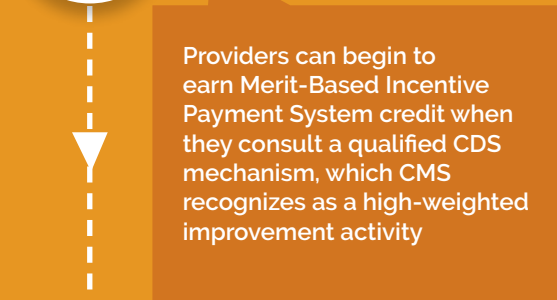
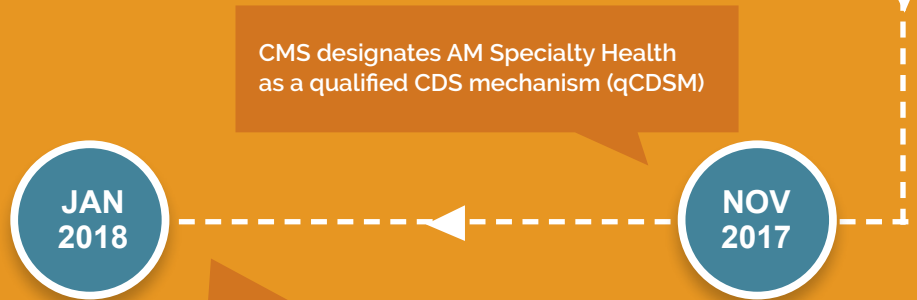
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MPFS 2017 final rule established CDS Mechanism approval process, clinical priority areas, and reporting requirements

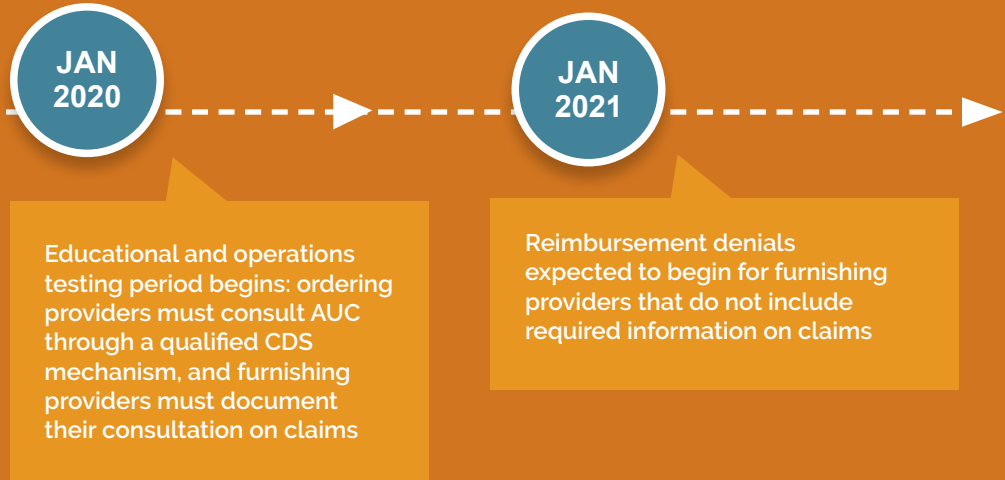
The Medicare Appropriate Use Criteria Program is slated to begin January 1, 2020. But its history is already extensive, reaching as far back as April 2014, when Congress signed into law the [Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014](#). Use our timeline to learn about the program's origins and its future.

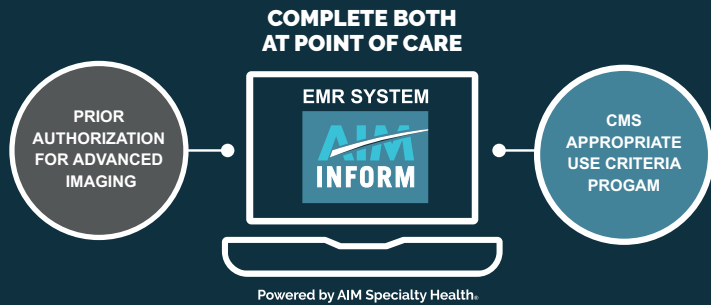
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For more than 25 years, AIM Specialty Health has helped ensure that advanced imaging aligns with medical evidence. Through our AIM Inform solution, a CMS qCDSM, we now help health systems and other provider organizations comply with the CMS AUC Program and commercial payer preauthorization within the EMR systems they use every day.



What's ahead: important dates for health systems





Integrated into EMR systems, AIM Inform allows providers to complete prior authorization for advanced imaging and comply with the CMS Appropriate Use Criteria Program from a single source. AIM Inform eliminates the need for providers to use separate systems to fulfill prior authorization and CMS program requirements.

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