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Lee Physician Group Earns High Scores from CMS
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services release 2017 scores

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Aug. 24, 2018) --- Based on data and performance in 2017, Lee Physician Group received high scores through The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) merit-based incentive payment system (MIPS). 2017 was the first year for CMS to track providers using this system, and Lee Physician Group physicians and providers received a 96.96% out of 100%.

“MIPS measures provider performance based in four categories: quality, advancing care information, care improvement activities and costs,” explains Leah Lynch, M.D., system medical director, Value Transformation for Lee Physician Group. “We’re very proud that we earned 100% for advancing care information and care improvement activities.”

Dr. Lynch says Lee Physician Group’s use of technology, including Epic electronic health records and the MyChart patient access portal, brought the maximum number of points in the advancing care information category. A few examples of the care improvement activities that garnered Lee Physician Group 100% include obesity screenings, obesity follow-up, depression screenings and antibiotic stewardship. Lee Physician Group earned 56.94 out of a possible 60 points for quality. The cost category was not included in the review of 2017 data and performance, but will be included in reviews moving forward.

“Lee Physician Group is committed to providing the most value to our patients and our community, so we are extremely proud of our MIPS scores,” says Venkat Prasad, M.D., chief medical officer, Lee Physician Group. “We appreciate the diligence and focus of our physicians, staff and teams across Lee Physician Group. The work of continuous improvement is never done because we strive to continue to consolidate our gains in excellent service for our patients.”

Lee Physician Group is Lee Health’s primary and specialty care medical group that is comprised of more than 570 primary and specialty care physicians and advanced providers at 77 practices throughout Southwest Florida.

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.