

2019 AAHKS Advocacy in Review 2020 Advocacy Priorities and Timeline

2020 AAHKS Legislative Retreat

February 27, 2020

2019 Actions on Behalf of AAHKS

MISVALUED CODES – MORE THAN 70 CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS - HIGHLIGHTS

March – Leadership Summit Fly-In:

- Speaker Pelosi
- Majority Leader Steny Hoyer
- Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
- Majority Whip Richard Durbin
- HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander
- Finance Health Subcommittee Chairman Pat Toomey
- E&C Professional Committee Staff
- Ways & Means Professional Staff
- 9 Finance Committee Offices
- 6 Ways & Means & Energy & Commerce Offices

June – NOLC Fly-In:

- Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby
- Finance Committee Professional Staff
- 7 Members of Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce

2019 Actions on Behalf of AAHKS

MOVING PROCEDURES OFF OF THE IPO LIST

- Through comment letters and lobbying in 2018, successfully persuaded CMS to release guidance in Jan. 2019 to educate facilities and surgeons on unique issues around the application of the 2 midnight rule to TKA
- AAHKS and AAOS meetings in Feb 2019 with the CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, which authored the guidance, to advocate for clarifications and improvements to the guidance, such as more relevant clinical examples
- In comment letters to CMS in September 2019, outlined the need for guidance to be updated further if CMS finalizes policies to move THA off the inpatient only list and to permit TKAs in ASCs

2019 Actions on Behalf of AAHKS

RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

- Educated CMS and Congress that AAHKS members are at the forefront of decisions on pain management. The highest portion of inpatient opioid prescribing is associated with lower joint arthroplasty
- Provided, through AAHKS comment letters on Medicare payment regulations, advice on non-opioid pain management alternatives and Medicare patient-reported pain management quality measures which may unintentionally incentivize opioid prescribing
- Represented AAHKS at August 2019 CMS Listening Session with Medical Specialty Societies on Opioid Prescribing and Outlier Identification

2019 Actions on Behalf of AAHKS

MISC

- Medicare APM Model Flexibility

- Drafted and advocated for legislation allowing physicians to select the Medicare advanced alternative payment model in which they participate, essentially allowing AAHKS members to leave CJR models and participate in BPCI-A instead

- FDA Issues

- Introduce AAHKS experts to the FDA Office of Health Technology for Orthopedic Devices
- Prepare and process nominations of AAHKS experts to the FDA Medical Devices Advisory Committee

2019 Comment Letters on AAHKS Priorities

FORMAL COMMENT LETTERS TO CMS ADDRESSING . . .

- *Measure Methodology Report: Clinician and Clinician Group Risk-Standardized Complication Rate Following Elective Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty* (Jan. 4, 2019)
- *CMS Request for Information: Reducing Administrative Burdens to Put Patients Over Paperwork* (Aug. 12, 2019)
- *2020 Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule* (June 24, 2019)
- *2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule* (Sept. 27, 2019)
- (Sept. 27, 2019)
- *Modifications to Modernizing and Clarifying the Physician Self-Referral Law, Proposed Rule* (est. Dec. 27, 2019)

Projected 2020 Advocacy Timeline

PRIORITIZING ISSUES

1. Misvalued Codes

2. CJR

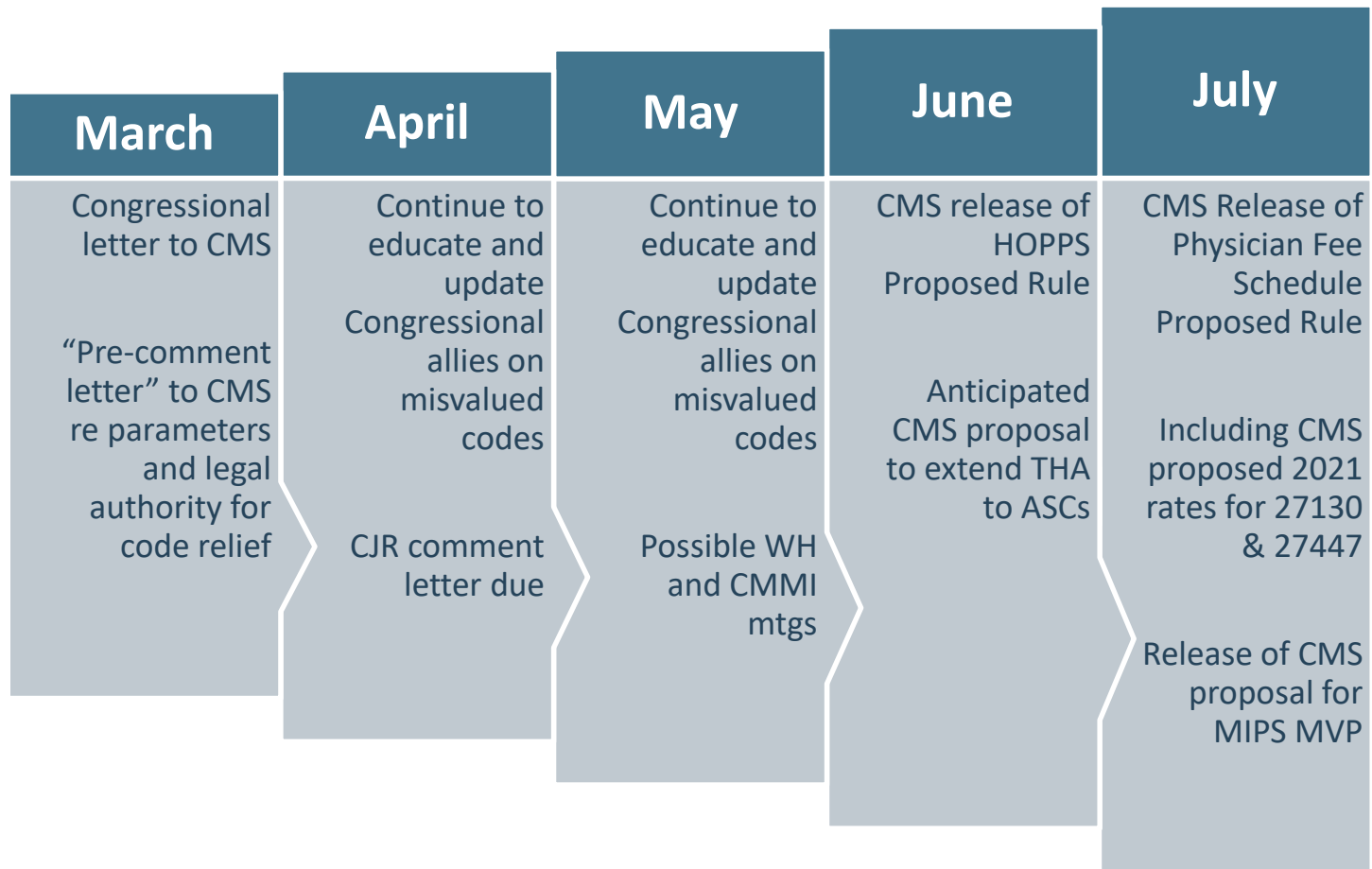
3. 2-Midnight Rule Impact on TJA

4. MIPS MVP

5. Other TBD

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