

RO Model PC and TC Payment Methodology Workbooks

While the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) is pleased that CMS has issued a delay in the Radiation Oncology (RO) Model implementation date, we remain committed to helping programs and practices understand the financial impact of the model and to demonstrate to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Congressional champions the punitive nature of the payment methodology.

For those of you who have been identified as RO Model participants, Anne Hubbard, MBA, Director of Health Policy, *ASTRO*, has developed a [Professional Component Payment Methodology Workbook](#) and a [Technical Component Payment Methodology Workbook](#). These workbooks are designed so that RO Model participants can determine their 2021 payment rates under the model and compare those rates with 2019 average payments for each disease site.

ASTRO wants to hear back from you regarding the financial impact that the RO Model will have on your practice and the subsequent impact on access to care for patients. RO Model participants should carefully review the instructions tab before proceeding with the data inputs. Please note that there is a range for the Trend Factor. For advocacy purposes, practices should report back with the Trend Factor set at .97 for the PC and 1 for the TC. This reflects the anticipated changes in the 2021 MPFS and HOPPS payment rules.

Once you have been able to complete the workbook, please let Anne Hubbard know the following:

1. What is the overall payment reduction across all disease sites for your practice under the RO Model year 1 relative to 2019 payments?
2. What disease sites at your practice are the most negatively impacted under the RO Model relative to 2019, and if so, by how much?
3. Describe the expected, specific impact on access to high quality care for radiation therapy services at your practice given the payment reductions anticipated in the model. (i.e. Acceptance of Medicare patients, staffing changes, salary/benefits changes, equipment replacements/upgrades, Other)

Your specific information will be kept confidential and deidentified for advocacy purposes. Anne is available to walk practices through the workbook should additional assistance be required. Once you've completed the workbook, please circle back to Anne with your results and response to the list of questions. We would appreciate your response as soon as possible. It is likely that Congressional action will be required to modify the RO Model.

We want to be able tie language to legislative proposals that are likely to be finalized before the end of the year, so your immediate response to this request is critical.

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