



# TOP 10

## Things DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY Need to Know

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AOA MORE is a clinical data registry. A registry is a private, secure database that collects data from electronic health records (EHR). The registry can assist you in data analysis of your own practice and compare your practice to others.

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You will be able to access statistics derived from your own patient base by viewing the AOA MORE dashboard. AOA MORE is pre-programmed to provide statistics on many topics including: your patient demographics compared to national averages; your most common diagnosis codes compared to national averages; and your most common medicines prescribed compared to national averages. Only national numbers are visible to the AOA; your personal dashboard is private for your viewing only. In addition, you can access benchmarks that compare your patients and care to the profession as a whole.

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Once your practice is integrated with AOA MORE, data from your EHR is sent to AOA MORE by your EHR vendor. Data sent from your EHR to AOA MORE is kept completely confidential. The AOA will not have access to your practice's individual data. The AOA will only be able to review aggregate data from across all registry users.

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AOA MORE requires the use of one of our approved EHR vendors. AOA MORE is currently integrated with Revolution EHR, Compulink, MaximEyes, Practice Director, Crystal Practice Management and Eyefinity OfficeMate/ExamWRITER.

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Nearly all independent doctors of optometry accept Medicare reimbursement and AOA MORE can help you meet program requirements under Medicare.

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Medicare payments to doctors of optometry account for an increasing share of revenue and AOA MORE can help you maximize reimbursement under Medicare.

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In 2017, a new Medicare payment program will begin, called the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). AOA MORE will help you when you are required to participate in MIPS.

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Based on our profession's participation in PQRS in the past, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expecting doctors of optometry to fail under MIPS. CMS has estimated that 18,394 doctors of optometry will be subject to MIPS. Based on historical performance with CMS programs, CMS estimates that 79.7 percent of doctors of optometry would be penalized, equating to a \$21 million loss.

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Congress directed CMS to encourage the use of registries, like AOA MORE. This focus ensures that registries will be an important component of the future of health care.

## And the #1 thing you need to know about AOA MORE is...

AOA MORE is included as an AOA member benefit. There is NO charge to members in good standing; but, you must enroll with AOA MORE to use this service. Enroll today at: [aoa.org/MORE](http://aoa.org/MORE).

If you have additional questions, send an email to [QualityImprovement@aoa.org](mailto:QualityImprovement@aoa.org) or call 800.365.2219, ext.4270.