

DISSAVINGS POLICY

The HSCRC will not incorporate downside risk in EQIP because it does not have the ability to directly adjust physician fee-for-service payments. However, it is important for the HSCRC to ensure that EQIP drives meaningful improvements in cost efficiency and quality and maintains fidelity to national QPP standards. EQIP Entities are held accountable for dissavings, year over year, to incentivize efficiency and quality improvement.

There are two components of the EQIP dissavings policy:

- **Annual Accountability:** Prior to earning an incentive payment, EQIP Entities are required to offset any cumulative dissavings from prior performance years.
- **Removal Accountability:** An EQIP Entity is removed from EQIP if it generates dissavings in two consecutive program years and its baseline-period performance across all clinical episode categories in which it participates ranks in the lower two terciles of the tiered Shared Savings Rate. Care Partners participating with the Entity in both consecutive years of dissavings will not be eligible to participate in EQIP the following year.

