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## **Perfusion Pay-For-Performance (“P4P”) Criteria**

The Michigan Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons Quality Collaborative (MSTCVS-QC) and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) have partnered to encourage participation and dissemination of quality improvement data and practices through the use of P4P hospital reimbursement. This site reimbursement project awards a single “point” for a site representative’s attendance at one of the four quarterly quality collaborative meetings with a maximum of four “points” to be awarded to a site throughout the year. Each “point” is factored into a broader attendance formula (including surgeons and data managers) to determine a site’s overall P4P reimbursement: the more “points” awarded, the greater the P4P reimbursement. One perfusionist may represent up to two (2) sites. If more than one perfusionist represents a given site, only the maximum of one (1) point will be awarded to that site for a given quarterly meeting.

The MSTCVS and BCBSM have been asked to clarify what constitutes a “site representative” for a quarterly meeting. The guidelines used to determine if a perfusionist’s attendance at a quarterly meeting achieves the designated threshold of “site representative” are listed below.

- 1) The site representative must be a perfusionist on record at a given site within the PERForm registry and/or MSTCVS database during the year prior to the quarterly meeting and currently providing perfusion services at the site.

### **AND/OR**

- 2) The site representative must be currently involved in other perfusion-related activity at the site *and* verified by the physician champion on record at that site as a perfusionist qualified to represent that site’s interests as a member of the MSTCVS-QC.

The perfusionist P4P initiative within the MSTCVS-QC has been very successful by recognizing the need to involve perfusion professionals in the ongoing quality improvement efforts that are the heart of the Quality Collaborative. We intend for these guidelines to more clearly identify those “site representatives” as a means to help ensure the data review, discussions, and collaborative insights are shared with clinician teams after the quarterly meetings adjourn.

Thank you for your participation, support, and input.

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