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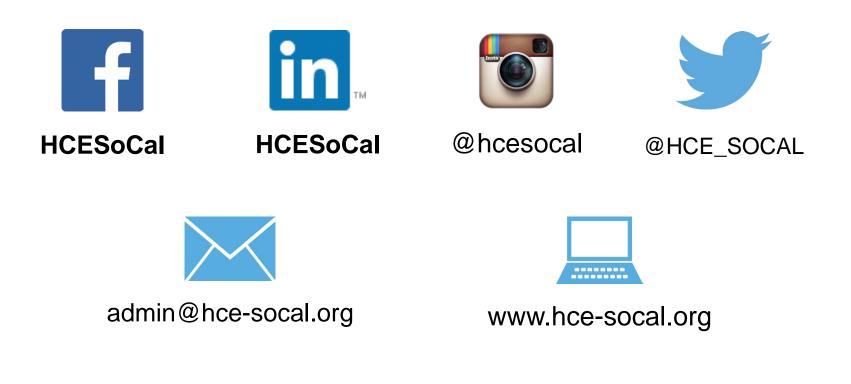
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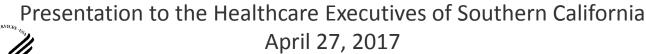


Getting Started with the Quality Payment Program: An Overview of MIPS and APMs



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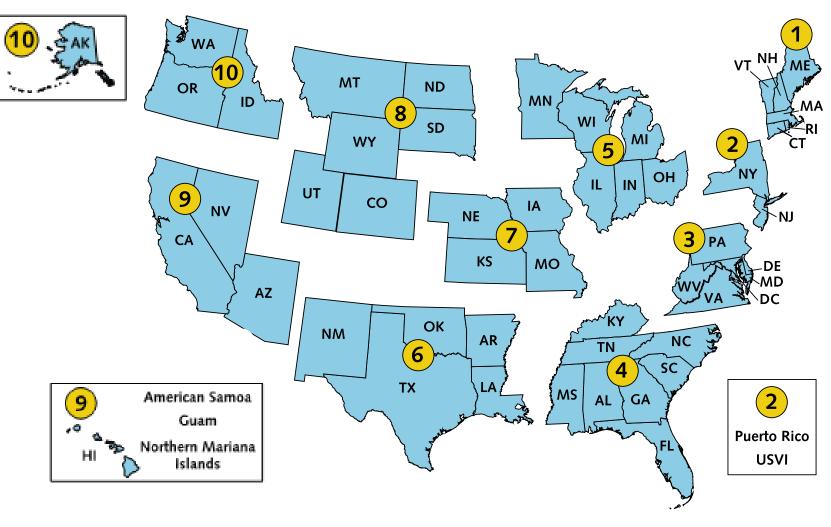
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Focus Areas Description

- Promote value-based payment systems
 - Test new alternative payment models
 - Increase linkage of Medicaid, Medicare FFS, and other payments to value
- Bring proven payment models to scale

Care		
Delivery		

Incentives

- Encourage the integration and coordination of services
- Improve population health
- Promote patient engagement through shared decision making

Create transparency on cost and quality information
 Bring electronic health information to the point of care for meaningful use

Source: Burwell SM. Setting Value-Based Payment Goals – HHS Efforts to Improve U.S. Health Care. NEJM 2015 Jan 26; published online first.

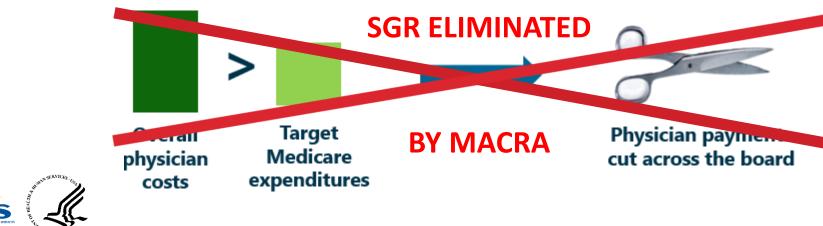
Focus Areas

The CMS Innovation Center

Test and expand alternative payment models	
 Accountable Care Pioneer ACO Model Medicare Shared Savings Program (housed in Center for Medicare) Advance Payment ACO Model Comprehensive ERSD Care Initiative Next Generation ACO Primary Care Transformation Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative (CPC) Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice (MAPCP) Demonstration Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration Independence at Home Demonstration Graduate Nurse Education Demonstration Home Health Value Based Purchasing (proposed) 	 Bundled payment models Bundled Payment for Care Improvement Models 1-4 Oncology Care Model Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (proposed) Initiatives Focused on the Medicaid population Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases Strong Start Initiative Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program Dual Eligible (Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees) Financial Alignment Initiative Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents Other Medicare Care Choices Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design model
Support providers and states to improve the delivery of ca	ire
Learning and Diffusion	State Innovation Models Initiative
 Partnership for Patients 	- SIM Round 1
C C	- SIM Round 2
- Community-Based Care Transitions	 Maryland All-Payer Model
Health Care Innovation Awards	Million Hearts Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Model
Increase information available for effective informed decise	sion-making by consumers and providers
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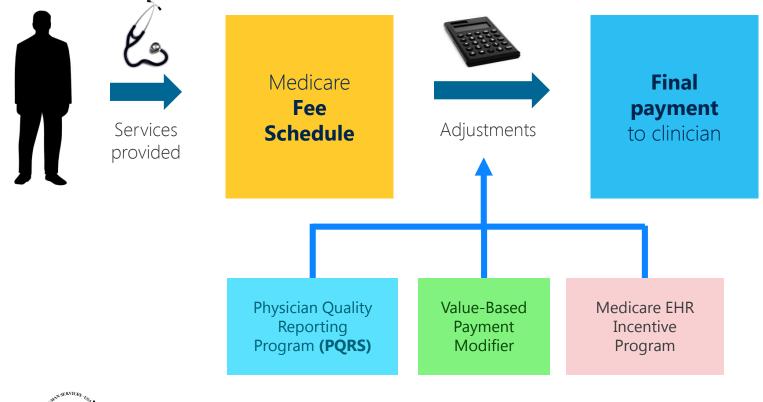
Origins of the Quality Payment Program: MACRA

- Bipartisan Legislation: the "Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act," 2015
- Increases focus on quality of care delivered
 - Clear intent that outcomes needed to be rewarded, not number of services
 - Shifts payments away from number of services to overall work of clinicians
- Moving toward patient-centric health care system
- Replaces Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR)



Medicare Payments Prior to MACRA

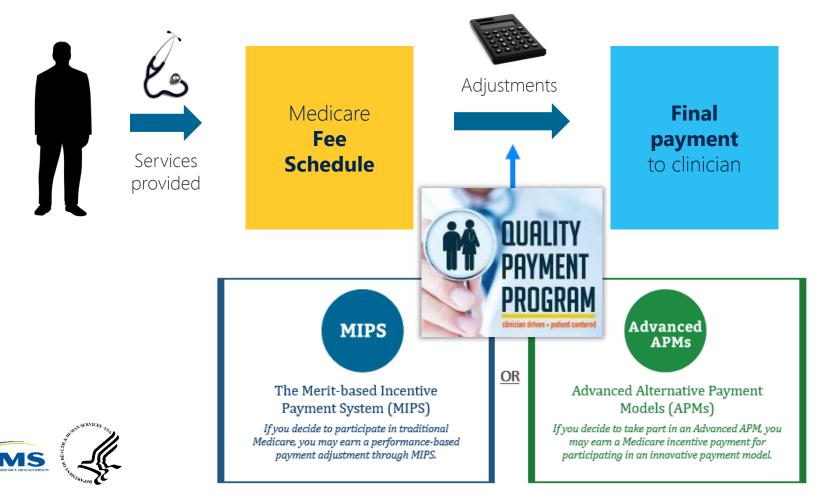
Fee-for-service (FFS) payment system, where clinicians are paid based on **volume** of services, not **value**.





MACRA changes how Medicare pays clinicians.

• The Quality Payment Program policy will **reform Medicare Part B payments** for more than 600,000 clinicians across the country, and is a major step in improving care across the entire health care delivery system



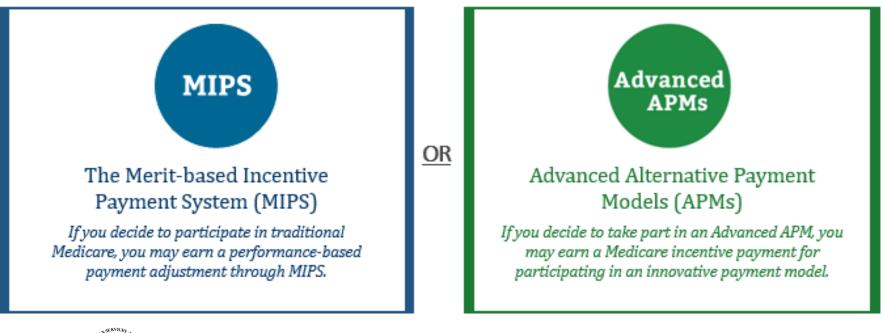
The Quality Payment Program

The Quality Payment Program policy will:

- Reform Medicare Part B payments for more than 600,000 clinicians
- Improve care across the entire health care delivery system



Clinicians have two tracks to choose from:





Discussion Structure

• Part 1: What do I need to know about MIPS?

• Part 2: What do I need to know about APMs?

• Part 3: How do I prepare for and participate in The Quality Payment Program?



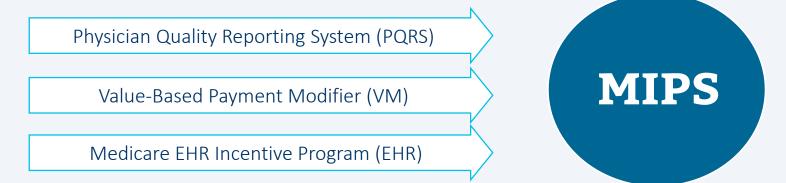
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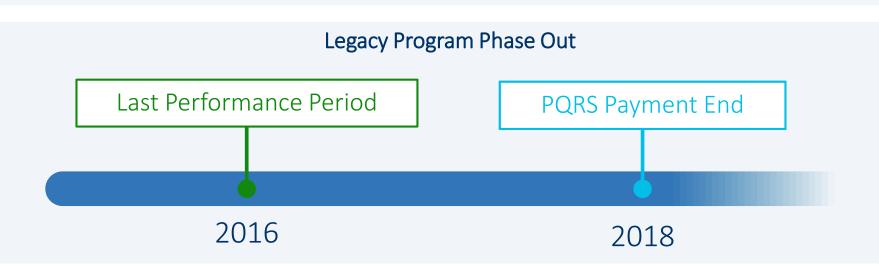
MIPS



What is the Merit-based Incentive Payment System?

Combines legacy programs into single, improved reporting program







What is the Merit-based Incentive Payment System?

A visualization of how the legacy programs streamline into the MIPS performance categories:





What Is MIPS?

https://qpp.cms.gov



- Reporting standards align with Alternative Payment Models when possible
- Many measures align with those being used by private insurers

Clinicians will be reimbursed under Medicare Part B based on this Performance Score



MIPS for First-Time Reporters

You Have Asked: "What if I do not have any previous reporting experience?"

CMS has provided options that may reduce participation burden to first time reporters by:

Adjusting the low-volume threshold to exclude more individual clinicians and groups Allowing clinicians to pick their pace of participation for Transition Year 2017 by lowering the performance threshold to avoid a negative adjustment



When Does the Merit-based Incentive Payment System Officially Begin?



2017 Performance Year

- Performance period opens January 1, 2017.
- Closes December 31, 2017.
- Clinicians care for patients and record data during the year.

March 31, 2018 Data Submission

- Deadline for submitting data is March 31, 2018.
- Clinicians are encouraged to submit data early.

Feedback

- CMS provides performance feedback after the data is submitted.
- Clinicians will receive feedback before the start of the payment year.

January 1, 2019 Payment Adjustment

 MIPS payment adjustments are prospectively applied to each claim begin January 1, 2019.



MIPS Eligibility What Do I Need to Know?



Eligible Clinicians:

Clinicians billing more than \$30,000 a year in Medicare Part B allowed charges **AND** providing care for more than 100 Medicare patients a year.



These clinicians include:

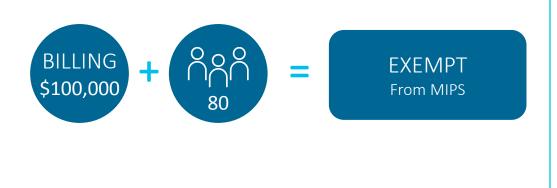
Physicians	Physician Assistants	Nurse Practitioner	Clinical Nurse Specialist	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
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Exempt Example

Dr. "B." is:

- An eligible clinician
- Billed \$100,000 in Medicare Part B charges
- Saw 80 patients
- Dr. B. would be *EXEMPT* from MIPS due to seeing less than 100 patients.



Remember: To be eligible

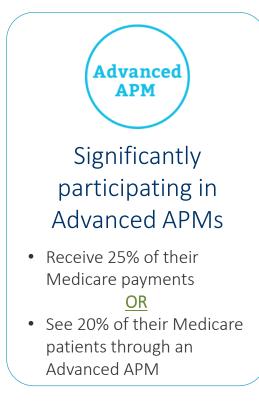




Who is Exempt from MIPS?

Clinicians who are:

Newly-enrolled in Medicare	Below the low-volume threshold
• Enrolled in Medicare for the first time during the performance period (exempt until following performance year)	 Medicare Part B allowed charges less than or equal to \$30,000 a year <u>OR</u> See 100 or fewer Medicare Part B patients a year





Eligibility for Clinicians in Specific Facilities

- Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
 - Eligible clinicians billing under the RHC or FQHC payment methodologies are not subject to the MIPS payment adjustment.

However...

 Eligible clinicians in a RHC or FQHC billing under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) are required to participate in MIPS and are subject to a payment adjustment.



Eligibility for Non-Patient Facing Clinicians

- Non-patient facing clinicians are eligible to participate in MIPS as long as they exceed the low-volume threshold, are not newly enrolled, and are not a Qualifying APM Participant (QP) or Partial QP that elects not to report data to MIPS
- The non-patient facing MIPS-eligible clinician threshold for individual MIPS-eligible clinicians is < 100 patient facing encounters in a designated period
- A group is non-patient facing if > 75% of NPIs billing under the group's TIN during a performance period are labeled as non-patient facing
- There are more flexible reporting requirements for non-patient facing clinicians



MIPS Performance Categories What Do I Need to Know?



What are the Performance Category Weights?

Weights assigned to each category based on a 1 to 100 point scale

Transition Year Weights



Note: These are defaults weights; the weights can be adjusted in certain circumstances



MIPS Performance Category: Quality

- 60% of Final Score in 2017
- 270+ measures available
 - You select 6 individual measures
 - 1 must be an **Outcome** measure

- High-priority measure
 - Defined as outcome measures, appropriate use measure, patient experience, patient safety, efficiency measures, or care coordination.
- You may also select specialty-specific set of measures
- Keep in mind:

Replaces PQRS and Quality portion of the Value Modifier

Provides for an easier transition for those who have reporting experience due to familiarity





MIPS Performance Category: Cost



- No reporting requirement; **0%** of Final Score in 2017
- Clinicians assessed on Medicare claims data
- CMS will still provide feedback on how you performed in this category in 2017, but it will not affect your 2019 payments.
- Keep in mind:

Uses measures previously used in the Physician Value-Based Modifier program or reported in the Quality and Resource Use Report (QRUR)

Only the scoring is different



MIPS Performance Category: Improvement Activities

- 15% of Final Score in 2017
- Attest to participation in activities that improve clinical practice
 - Examples: Shared decision making, patient safety, coordinating care, increasing access
- *Clinicians choose* from 90+ activities under 9 subcategories:





MIPS Performance Category: Advancing Care Information

- 25% of Final Score in 2017
- Promotes patient engagement and the electronic exchange of information using certified EHR technology
- Ends and replaces the Medicare EHR Incentive Program (also known as Medicare Meaningful Use)
- Greater flexibility in choosing measures
- In 2017, there are *2 measure sets for reporting to choose from based on EHR* edition:

Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures <u>2017</u> Advancing Care Information <u>Transition</u> Objectives and Measures



MIPS Performance Category: Advancing Care

For those using EHR Certified to the 2015 Edition:

Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures:

Base Score Required Measures

Objective	Measure
Protect Patient Health Information	Security Risk Analysis
Electronic Prescribing	e-Prescribing
Patient Electronic Access	Provide Patient Access
Health Information Exchange	Send a Summary of Care
Health Information Exchange	Request/Accept a Summary of Care

For those using 2014 Certified EHR Technology:

2017 Advancing Care Information <u>Transition</u> Objectives and Measures:

Base Score Required Measures

Objective	Measure
Protect Patient Health Information	Security Risk Analysis
Electronic Prescribing	e-Prescribing
Patient Electronic Access	Provide Patient Access
Health Information Exchange	Health Information Exchange



Advancing Care Information: Flexibility

CMS will automatically **reweight** the Advancing Care Information performance category to zero for Hospitalbased MIPS clinicians, clinicians who lack of Faceto-Face Patient Interaction, NP, PA, CRNAs and CNS

 Reporting is optional although if clinicians choose to report, they will be scored. A clinician can **apply** to have their performance category score **weighted to zero** and the **25%** will be **assigned to the Quality category** for the following reasons:

- 1. Insufficient internet connectivity
- 2. Extreme and uncontrollable circumstances
- 3. Lack of control over the availability of CEHRT



MIPS Participation What Do I Need to Know?



Pick Your Pace for Participation for the Transition Year

Participate in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model



 Some practices may choose to participate in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model in 2017



Submit Something

- Submit some data after January 1, 2017
- Neutral payment adjustment



MIPS



Submit a Partial Year

- Report for 90-day period after January 1, 2017
- Neutral or positive payment adjustment

Full Year



Submit a Full Year

- Fully participate starting January 1, 2017
- Positive payment adjustment

Note: Clinicians do not need to tell CMS which option they intend to pursue.



Not participating in the Quality Payment Program for the Transition Year will result in a negative 4% payment adjustment.

MIPS: Choosing to Test for 2017



Submit Something

- Submit **minimum** amount of 2017 data to Medicare
- Avoid a downward adjustment
- Gain familiarity with the program

Minimum Amount of Data





MIPS: Partial Participation for 2017



Submit a Partial Year

- Submit 90 days of 2017 data to Medicare
- May earn a positive payment adjustment

"So what?" - If you're not ready on January 1, you can start anytime between January 1 and October 2





MIPS: Full Participation for 2017



Submit a Full Year

- Submit a full year of 2017 data to Medicare
- May earn a positive payment adjustment
- Best way to earn largest payment adjustment is to submit data on all MIPS performance categories

Key Takeaway:

Positive adjustments are based on the performance data on the performance information submitted, not the **amount** of information or **length of time submitted**.



MIPS Reporting What Do I Need to Know?



Submission Methods

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Quality	 Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) 	QCDRQualified Registry
Quality	Qualified Registry	• EHR
	• EHR	Administrative Claims
	Claims	CMS Web Interface
		CAHPS for MIPS Survey
	• QCDR	• QCDR
Improvement	Qualified Registry	Qualified Registry
Activities	• EHR	• EHR
	Attestation	CMS Web Interface
		Attestation
Advancing	QCDR	QCDR
Advancing Care	Qualified Registry	Qualified Registry
Information	• EHR	• EHR
moniation	Attestation	Attestation
		CMS Web Interface



*Must be reported via a CMS approved survey vendor together with another submission method for all other Quality measures.

Transition Year 2017

Performance Categories



Final Score	Payment Adjustment	
≥70 points	 Positive adjustment Eligible for exceptional performance bonus—minimum of additional 0.5% 	
4-69 points	Positive adjustmentNot eligible for exceptional performance bonus	
3 points	Neutral payment adjustment	
0 points	 Negative payment adjustment of -4% 0 points = does not participate 	43

Part II: APM Basics What Do I Need to Know?

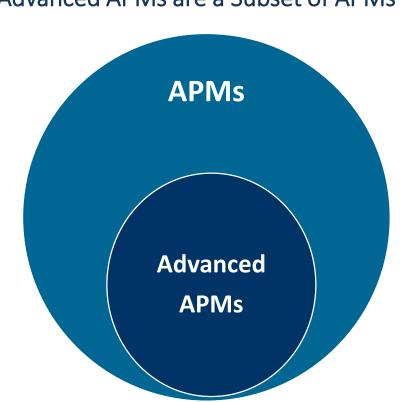
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Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

- A payment approach that provides added incentives to clinicians to provide high-quality and costefficient care.
- Can apply to a specific condition, care episode or population.
- May offer significant opportunities for eligible clinicians who are not ready to participate in Advanced APMs.





Advanced APMs are a Subset of APMs

Advanced APMs Must Meet Certain Criteria

To be an Advanced APM, the following three requirements must be met.

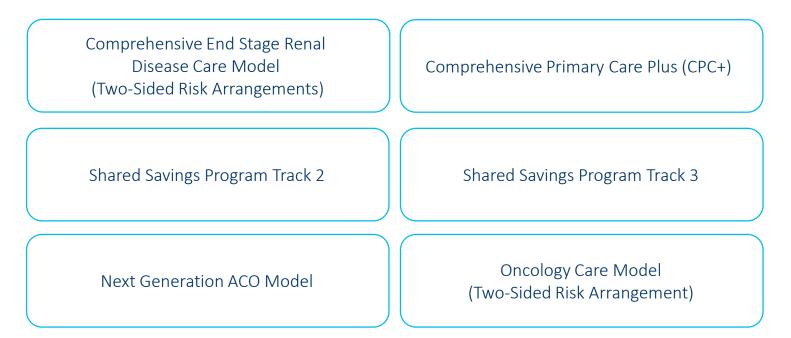


The APM:



Advanced APMs in 2017

For the 2017 performance year, the following models are Advanced APMs:



The list of Advanced APMs is posted at QPP.CMS.GOV and will be updated with new announcements as needed.



What is the benefit of participating in an Advanced APM?



Advanced Alternative Payment Models

Clinicians who participate significantly in Advanced APMs can:

• Receive greater rewards for taking on some risk related to patient outcomes.



"So what?" - It is important to understand that the Quality Payment Program does not change the design of any particular APM. Instead, it creates <u>extra incentives</u> for a sufficient degree of participation in Advanced APMs.



Qualifying APM Participant (QP)

Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) are clinicians who have a certain % of Part B payments for professional services or patients furnished Part B professional services through an Advanced APM Entity. Beginning in 2021, this threshold % may be reached through a combination of Medicare and other **non-Medicare payer arrangements**, such as private payers and Medicaid.



How do Eligible Clinicians become Qualifying APM Participants?

✓ The Threshold Score is compared to the corresponding QP threshold table and CMS takes the better result.

Requirements for Incentive Payments for Significant Participation in Advanced APMs (Clinicians must meet payment <u>or</u> patient requirements)

Performance Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 and later
Percentage of Payments through an Advanced APM	25%	25%	50%	50%	75%	75%
Percentage of Patients through an Advanced APM	20%	20%	35%	35%	50%	50%

Part III: Checklist for Preparing and Participating in MIPS





Preparing and Participating in MIPS: A Checklist

- Determine your eligibility and understand the requirements.
- Choose whether you want to submit data as an individual or as a part of a group.
- □ Choose your submission method and verify its capabilities.
- □ Verify your EHR vendor or registry's capabilities before your chosen reporting period.
- Prepare to participate by reviewing practice readiness, ability to report, and the Pick Your Pace options.
- Choose your measures. Visit **qpp.cms.gov** for valuable resources on measure selection and remember to review your current billing codes and Quality Resource Use Report to help identify measures that best suit your practice.
- □ Verify the information you need to report successfully.
- □ Care for your patients and record the data.
- Submit your data by March 2018.



Determine Your Eligibility

How Do I Do This?

- Calculate your annual patient count and billing amount for the 2017 transition year.
 - Review your claims for service provided between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016, and where CMS processed the claim by November 4, 2016.
 - Did you bill more than \$30,000 **AND** provide care for more than 100 Medicare patients a year?
 - Yes: You're eligible.
 - No: You're exempt.
- 2. CMS will provide additional guidance on eligibility in Winter/Early Spring 2017.



Prepare to Participate

How Do I Do This?

- 1. Consider your practice readiness.
 - Have you previously participated in a quality reporting program?
- 2. Evaluate your ability to report.
 - What is your data submission method?
 - Are you prepared to begin reporting data between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018?
- 3. Review the Pick Your Pace options for Transition Year 2017.
 - Test
 - Partial Year
 - Full Year



Choose Your Measures/Activities

How Do I Do This?

- 1. Go to **qpp.cms.gov**.
- 2. Click on the Explore Measures tab at the top of the page.
- 3. Select the performance category of interest.

Quality Measures Advancing Care Information Improvement Activities

4. Review the individual Quality and Advancing Care Information measures as well as Improvement Activities.



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	Note: This tool is only for	r informational and estim	nation purposes. You can't use	1. Review and select	measures that best	fit your practice.			

- 2. Add up to six measures from the list below, including one outcome measure. You can use the search and filters to help find the measures that meet your needs or specialty.
- 3. If an outcome measure is not available that is applicable to your specialty or practice, choose another high priority measure.
- 4. Download a CSV file of the measures you have selected for your records.

Groups in APMs qualifying for special scoring standards under MIPS, such as Shared Savings Program Track 1 or the Oncology Care Model: Report quality measures through your APM. You do not need to do anything additional for the MIPS quality category.

Note: This tool is only for informational and estimation purposes. You can't use it to submit or attest to measures or activities.

Select Measures

Groups using the web interface: Rep					
Groups in APMs qualifying for speci	Search All by Keyword:	Filter By:		_	
Program Track 1 or the Oncology Ca	All Search for SEARCH	High Priority Measure 💙	Data Submission Method 💙	Specialty	Measure Set 💙
APM. You do not need to do anything					
Most participants: Attest that you co	Showing 271 Measures				
minimum of 90 days.					
	Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antim	icrobial Therapy - Avoidan	ce of AD	D	Selected Measures
Groups with fewer than 15 participa	Inappropriate Use				
professional shortage area: Attest th					0 Measures Added
of 90 days.	Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy		AD	D	Once you select measures they
Participants in certified patient-cen					will appear here

Quality (60%)

 Advancing Care Information (25%) Improvement Activities (15%)

ADD

ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication

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Improvement Activities



New category.

measures or activities.

Category

Quality Groups in APMs qualifying for Replaces the Physician Quality Program Track 1 or the Oncold Reporting System (PQRS). APM. You do not need to do any

What do you need to do?

for a minimum of 90 days.

Most participants: Report up to 6 qua

Participants in certified patier practices, or an APM designated as a earn full credit.

NEXT STEPS Where can I go to get help?



Technical Support Available to Clinicians

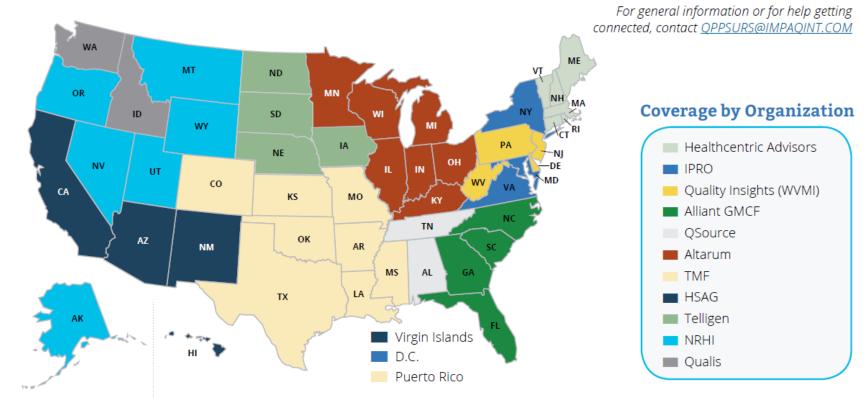
Integrated Technical Assistance Program

- Full-service, expert help
 - Quality Payment Program Service Center
 - Quality Innovation Network/Quality Improvement Organizations
 - Quality Payment Program Small, Underserved, and Rural Support
 - Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative
 - APM Learning Networks
- Self-service
 - QPP Online Portal

All support is FREE to clinicians



https://qpp.cms.gov/education



Additional Resources

Quality Payment Program:	APM Learning Model Support List:	Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI):	Quality Improvement Organizations:
<u>qpp.cms.gov</u> 1-866-288-8292	<u>http://innovation.cms.gov</u>	PTN Map: <u>https://innovation.cms.gov/</u> initiatives/Transforming-Clinical-Practices_	QIN-QIO Map:
TTY: 1-877-715-6222 <u>QPP@cms.hhs.gov</u>		To enroll in TCPI, contact: <u>TCPI.ISC@Truvenhealth.com</u>	http://qioprogram.org/



Quality Payment Program: How to get help

Need Help

The Quality Payment Program Service Center is available to help.

1-866-288-8912

TTY: 1-877-715-6222

Available Monday-Friday; 8:00AM – 8:00PM Eastern Time Questions

Send us your questions about the Quality Payment Program to

QPP@cms.hhs.gov

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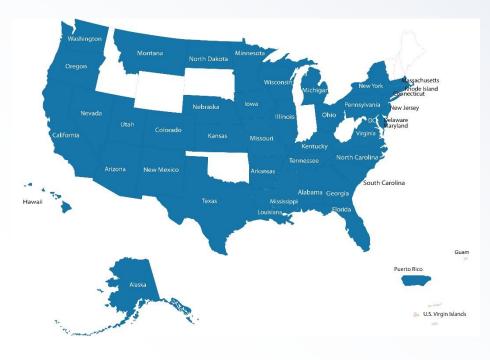
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