

QPP: 2019 Quality

Under the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), Quality is one of four categories on which eligible clinicians are scored. Participants collect measure data for the 12-month performance period. An individual or group may submit any combination of measures across these collection types (eCQMs, MIPS CQMS (formerly registry measures), QCDR Measures, CMS Web Interface, CAHPS for MIPS survey measure & Medicare Part B Claims – available only for small practices) to fulfill submission requirements.

Basics of Quality

- 45% of total MIPS score
- 60% Data Completeness: measures not meeting data completeness requirements will receive 1 pt
- Small Practices not meeting data completeness requirements AND measures without a national benchmark will continue to receive 3 pts
- CAHPS for MIPS Survey measure counts towards measure requirement
- Must submit 6 individual measures with one being an Outcome OR High-priority measure
- Performance period is 12 months (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)
- All-Cause Readmission measure automatically scored as seventh measure for groups of ≥ 16
- CMS Web Interface submission type now requires reporting on 10 quality measures

FACILITY-BASED MEASURE SCORING

CMS will now be identifying clinicians and groups eligible for facility-based scoring. These ECs may have the option to use facility-based measurement scores for their Quality and Cost performance category scores. This scoring is automatically applied and will be used when the clinician or group has been:

- 1) Identified as facility-based & attributed to a facility with a Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program score for the 2019 performance period
- 2) Hospital VBP score results in a higher score than the MIPS Quality measure data submitted and MIPS Cost measure data CMS has calculated

Special Considerations

CMS designation of Small, Hospital-Based, Non-Patient Facing MIPS ECs, and All EC types except Physicians, are offered re-weighting potential from PI to Quality.

Bonus Point Opportunities

Small Practice Bonus of 6 pts

Bonus pts up to 10% of total category score for:

- Report an additional high priority or outcome measure (*Web Interface Excluded*)
- Use of End to End Electronic Submission w/ 2015 CEHRT (*Web Interface Excluded*)
- Improvement scoring for measures

Topped Out Measures

- Measure Cap of 7 pts after 2 consecutive years of topped out
- For PY19, a set of 4 measures have been identified as topped out Quality Measures
 - 21, 23, 262 & 52

New for 2019, CMS will aggregate quality measures collected through multiple collection types; the collection with the highest number of achievement points for that measure will be selected for scoring.

Submission Types

Direct ➤ **Log-in & Upload** ➤ ***CMS Web Interface** ➤ **Part B Claims (small practices)**

* CMS Web Interface only available for Group level reporting for groups of ≤ 25

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