

QPP: 2020 Improvement Activities

Under the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), Improvement Activities (IA) is one of four categories on which eligible clinicians (ECs) are scored. ECs can maximize their points in the IA category by participating in specified activities, which are intended to improve clinical practice or care delivery, such as care coordination, beneficiary engagement, patient safety and expanded access for patients.

Basics of Improvement Activities

- 15% of total MIPS score
- Total possible category points: 40 points
 - Highly= 20 pts; Medium= 10 pts
- [2020 Improvement Activities Inventory](#)
 - Includes resources for Suggested Documents to Retain for evidence
- Must perform activities for at least 90 consecutive days during the performance year
- Data submission requirement, must attest “Yes”
- Keep documentation for 6 years

2020 Improvement Activities Updates

Removal of specific entity names of accreditation organizations or comparable specialty practice program

Increased Performance Thresholds for Groups & Virtual Groups
**50% of the clinicians in the group/virtual group must perform the same activity during the continuous 90-day period*

Conclusion of the CMS Study on Factors Associated with Reporting Quality Measures

Special Considerations

- CMS designation of Small, Rural, HPSAs, & Non-Patient Facing MIPS ECs qualify for increased weighting

APMs & MIPS APMs Scoring

- QPs in an Advanced APM receive full credit
- Other APM participants will earn 50% credit & have the ability to perform additional IAs to increase the score

Patient Centered Medical Home/Patient Centered Specialty Practice

- At least 50% of practice sites within the TIN must be certified/recognized as a PCMH or comparable specialty practice to receive full IA category credit

Important Announcement:

CMS has removed the Annual Registration in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Improvement Activity for the 2020 performance period. Please make sure to choose another IA for this year.



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