

APM Performance Pathway (APP) Decision Tree for MSSSP ACO Participants (2021 Only)

MSSSP ACO Participant

*In order to meet the quality reporting requirements under the Shared Savings Program, participants must continue to report through their APM/ACO. They may choose to *also* report at the individual and/or group level. CMS will award the highest available score.

How will you participate?

As an APM Entity (mandatory)

See page 2 for expanded view of this option

As an Individual*

See page 3 for expanded view of this option

As a Group*

See page 4 for expanded view of this option

APM Submission Method?

APP or Traditional MIPS?

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APP

CMS Web Interface Measures

APP

Traditional MIPS

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Q 50%
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3 eCQM or MIPS CQM, CAHPS, & HWR, MCC (Admin Claims)
Not Assessed Under MIPS
Submit Individually or as a Group via any Method
Automatic 100% Credit

10 Measures, CAHPS for MIPS, 2 Admin Claims Measures
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Assessed and Worth 20% of MIPS Final Score
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APM = Alternative Payment Model
MSSSP = Medicare Shared Savings Program
ACO = Accountable Care Organization
MIPS = Merit-based Incentive Payment System
Q = Quality Performance Category
C = Cost Performance Category
PI = Promoting Interoperability Category
IA = Improvement Activities Category
eCQM = Electronic Clinical Quality Measure

As an APM Entity
**(mandatory as a
participant in
the ACO)**

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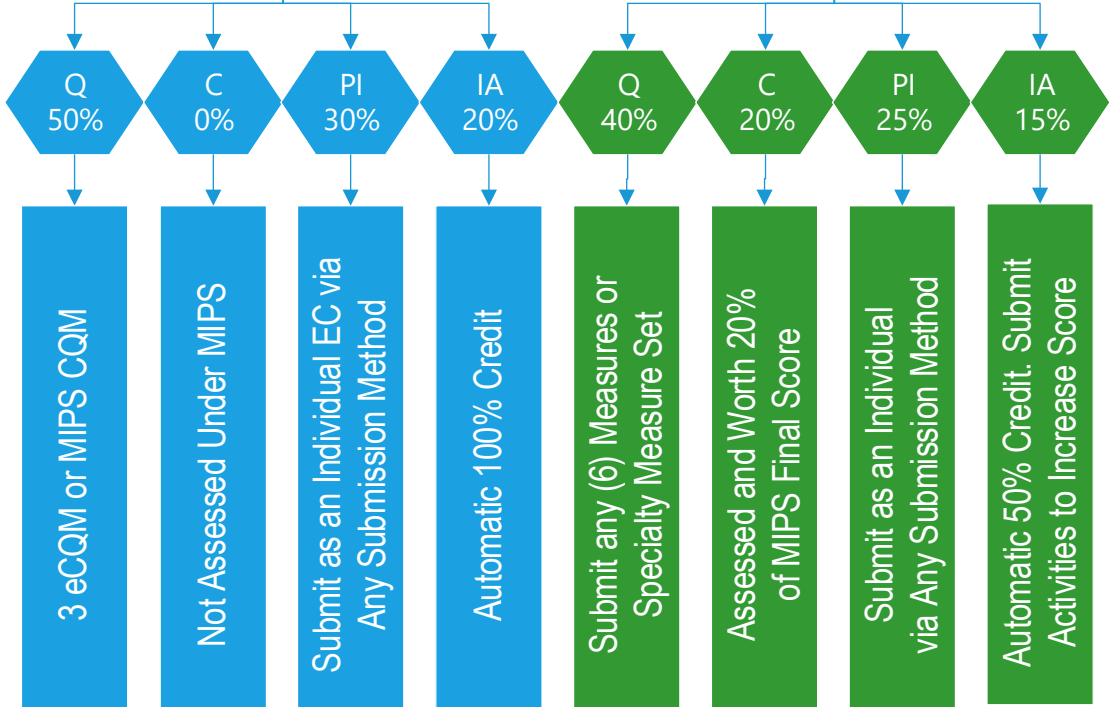
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