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# Breaking News & Announcements



# MIPS Quality Measure Reporting Study

- CMS is conducting the **2018 Burdens Associated with Reporting Quality Measures Study** to:
  - Examine clinical workflows and data collection methods using different submission systems;
  - Understand the challenges clinicians face when collecting and reporting quality data; and
  - Make future recommendations for changes that will attempt to eliminate clinician burden, improve quality data collection and reporting, and enhance clinical care.
- MIPS-eligible clinicians and groups that participate successfully in the study will **receive full credit for the 2018 MIPS Improvement Activities performance category**.
- Application Deadline: **April 30, 2018**

# MIPS Quality Measure Reporting Study (cont.)

## Who Should Apply:

- MIPS-eligible clinicians participating in MIPS as an individuals or as part of a group.
- Clinicians do not need any outside knowledge of MIPS to participate in the study; rather the study team is interested in learning more about clinicians' experience participating in MIPS.
- To check you participation status, please visit the [QPP Website](#).



# MIPS Quality Measure Reporting Study (cont.)

## Study Requirements:

- Study runs from April 2018 to March 2019.
- Participants will have to meet the following requirements in order to complete the study and receive full Improvement Activity (IA) credit.
  - For participants reporting as a group, their entire group will receive credit.
  - For participants reporting as individuals, only the participating clinician will receive credit.
- Complete a 2017 MIPS participation survey in April/May 2018.
- Complete a 2018 MIPS planning survey in September/October 2018.
- The Study team will invite selected participants to join a virtual 90-minute focus group (Nov. 2018 and Feb. 2019).
- Meet minimum requirements for the MIPS Quality performance category by submitting data for at least three measures in the MIPS Quality performance category, as required for 2018 MIPS participation.

# MIPS Quality Measure Reporting Study (cont.)

## Study Requirements (cont.)

- The data submitted must:
  - Include one outcome measure;
  - Be submitted to CMS by the final MIPS reporting deadline (March 31, 2019);
  - Be submitted through any method accepted under MIPS for year 2 of the Quality Payment Program (2018).

## To Apply

- [Click here to begin your application.](#)
- Applicants will be notified by email of their status in spring of 2018.
- For more information about the study, please visit the CMS website or email [MIPS\\_Study@abtassoc.com](mailto:MIPS_Study@abtassoc.com).

# 2017 MIPS Preliminary Feedback

- If you submitted data via the [QPP website](#), you are now able to review your preliminary performance feedback data.
- Please keep in mind that **this is not your final score or feedback.**
- Your final score and feedback will be available on **July 1, 2018.**



# 2017 MIPS Preliminary Feedback (cont.)

- Between **now and June 30, 2018**, your score could change based on the following:
  - Special Status Scoring Considerations (ex. hospital-based clinicians)
  - All-Cause Readmission Measure for Quality Category
  - Claims measures to include the 60-day run out period
  - CAHPS for MIPS Survey results
  - ACI hardship application status
  - Creation of performance period benchmarks for Quality measures that didn't have a historical benchmark

# 2017 MIPS Preliminary Feedback (cont.)

- Your final score and feedback will be available on **July 1, 2018** through the [QPP website](#).
- You will be able to access preliminary and final feedback with the same EIDM credentials that allowed you to submit and view your data during the submission period.
- **Don't have an EIDM account?** Start the process now. Refer to the [Enterprise Identity Management \(EIDM\) User Guide](#) for instructions.
- If you have questions, please contact the Quality Payment Program by calling **1.866.288.8292/TTY: 1.877.715.6222** or via email at [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov).

# Webinar Today!

## Using Improvement Activities to Enhance Performance Scores

**TODAY** at 11:00 a.m. ET - [Register Here](#)

- Learn how to identify Improvement Activities best suited for your practice and how to leverage them to enhance your overall performance score.
- Choosing the right activities can benefit your patients and practice and help you earn a higher MIPS score.



# 2018 MIPS Participation Tool

- Use the newly updated [MIPS Participation Tool](#) to check on your 2018 MIPS eligibility.
- Enter your NPI to find out whether you need to participate during the 2018 performance year.
- Changes to Low-Volume Threshold
  - CMS has changed to eligibility threshold in 2018 to reduce the burden on small practices.
  - Clinicians and groups are now excluded from MIPS if they:
    - Billed \$90,000 or less in Medicare Part B allowed charges for covered professional services under PRS; or
    - Furnished covered professional services under the PFS to 200 or fewer Medicare Part B enrolled beneficiaries

# Upcoming Events

- **Making Cents Out of the QPP Cost Category**
  - Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. ET
  - Hosted by Quality Insights
  - Registration info to come
  
- **QPPLive! – May 2018**
  - Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. ET
  - Hosted by Quality Insights
  - Registration info to come



# CMS Webinar

## **APMs to Advanced APMs: How to Make the Valuable Transition**

April 30, 2018, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

- CMS subject matter experts will review the MIPS APM model and requirements for qualifying to become an advanced APM.
- They will also field questions about the final rule for 2018 and provide information and resources relevant to the transition from MIPS APM to advanced APMs.
- America's Physicians Group (APG) members will cover key implementation steps in making the decision to transition and discuss transition strategies.

# Succeeding in MIPS: Advice from Peers in Solo and Small Group Practices Webinar

May 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. ET - [Register Here](#)

May 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. ET - [Register Here](#)

- Register to attend the May QPP-SURS webinar to learn:
  - Strategies for choosing quality measures and improvement activities that are aligned with your practice's needs.
  - How to effectively engage staff and other clinicians in MIPS-related activities.
  - How to set priorities for MIPS activities in 2018 using reports and data you already possess.

# Meet Our Quality Insights QPP Specialists



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# Ask Questions Using Q&A

- On top right side of screen, click on “Q&A”
- Using the “Ask” dropdown menu, choose “**All Panelists**”
- Type in your question and then hit “**Send**”
- Your questions will be addressed in the order in which they are asked
- **Please note:** The **CHAT** feature will be used by the Quality Insights team to post resource links rather than for participants to submit questions.



# Ask Questions Verbally

- Once all of the questions that were submitted electronically through the Q&A feature are addressed, we will open the phone lines for attendees to directly ask questions to our team over the phone
- To avoid confusion, the moderator will ask providers from each state if they have any questions - i.e. “Are there any providers from Delaware that have a question?”
- If you are not actively asking a question, **please mute your own phone line** in an effort to minimize background noise



# Let's Begin!



# Thank You for Joining Us

- **Quality Insights QPP Support Center**
  - For practices with **15 or fewer** eligible providers
  - Email: [qpp-surs@qualityinsights.org](mailto:qpp-surs@qualityinsights.org)
  - Phone: **877.497.5065**
  - Website: [www.qppsupport.org](http://www.qppsupport.org)
- **Quality Insights Quality Innovation Network (QIN)**
  - For practices with **16 or more** eligible providers
  - Email: [kwild@qualityinsights.org](mailto:kwild@qualityinsights.org)
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