

Claims Submission for MIPS Quality

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Agenda

- Brief MACRA/QPP Overview
- MIPS Quality
- Claims Submission Resources
- Claims Coding and Score Tracking
- Additional Considerations and References



Brief MACRA/QPP Overview

MACRA (2015)

- Repeals “Sustainable Growth Rate”
- Streamlines multiple quality programs
- Expands pathways for level of risk and reward
- Supports multi-payer initiatives

BETTER care
SMARTER spending
HEALTHIER people

Via a focus on **3 areas**



Incentives



Care
Delivery



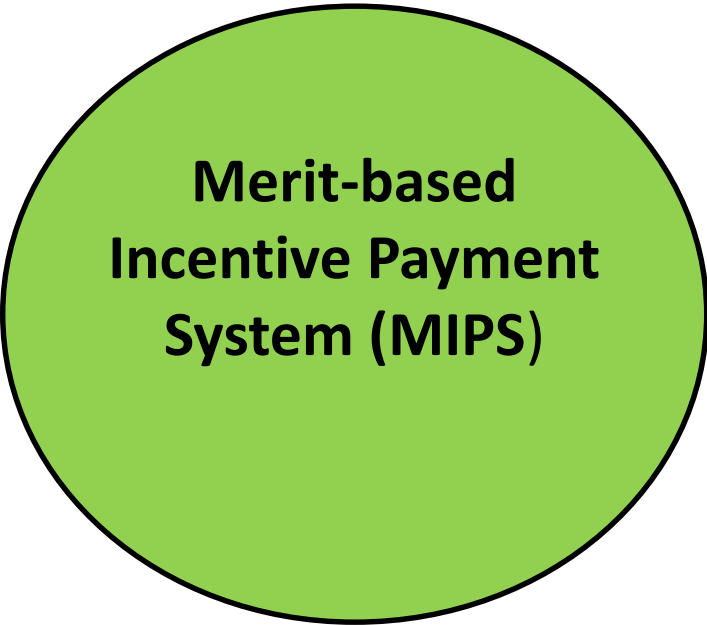
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2018 QPP Eligibility

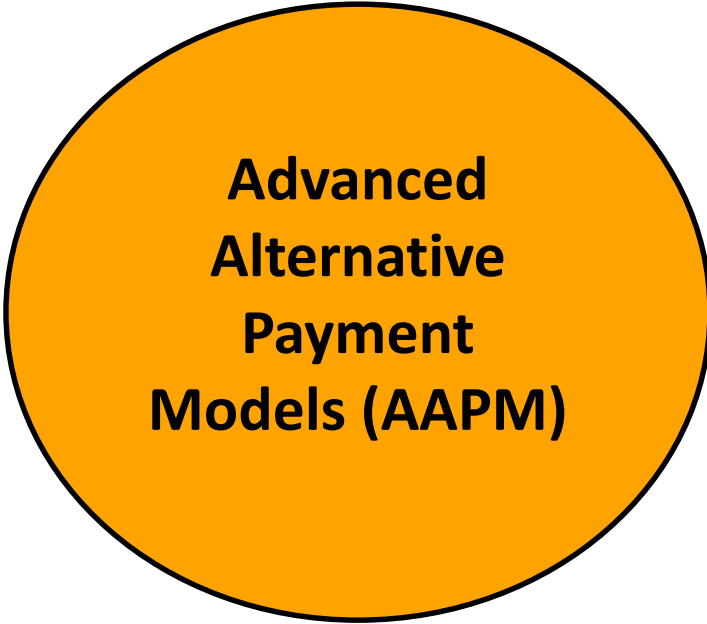
1) Billing > **\$90,000** and treating > **200** Medicare patients per year (MIPS)

or

2) Treating 20% patients/receiving 25% of Medicare payments through an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM)

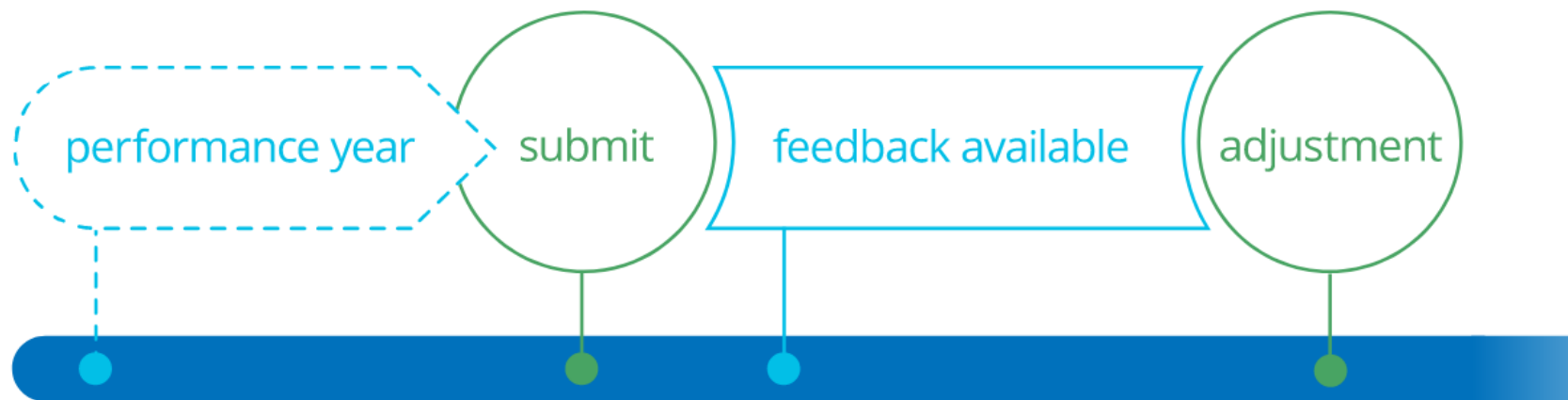


**Merit-based
Incentive Payment
System (MIPS)**



**Advanced
Alternative
Payment
Models (AAPM)**

2018 QPP Timeline



Calendar Year 2018

Performance period begins 1/1/18 and ends on 12/31/18. During the year, record quality data, how you used CEHRT and implemented improvement activities.

March 31, 2019

Deadline to report QPP data to qualify for positive payment adjustment under MIPS or 5% bonus under AAPM.

2019

Medicare analyzes reported data and provides feedback on performance and MIPS payment adjustments or AAPM bonus.

2020

MIPS payment adjustments applied to Medicare Part B reimbursements beginning 1/1/20. AAPM bonuses awarded in 2020.

MIPS Quality

Quality Concepts

- Promotes measurement and improvement of care processes, outcomes, patient experience, patient safety, efficiency and care coordination
- Ends and replaces the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and the Quality component of the Value-Based Payment Modifier (VM)
- Requires full-year reporting
- Contributes 50% weight of MIPS score for 2018
- Variation in available measures, reporting requirements and scoring depending on submission method (claims, EHR, registry/QCDR, web interface)

Quality Measures

- 240 total to choose from (excludes web interface and custom QCDR measures)
- Specialty measure sets to help clinicians choose appropriate measures
- Participants report at least 6 measures, including one “outcome” or “high priority” measure (reporting all measures from a measure set with <6 is also acceptable)
- Must submit all measures through same method
 - CAHPS Survey measure is exception if selected as one of 6
 - All-cause hospital readmissions measure is automatically calculated/scored from claims for groups of 16+ with at least 200 cases

Quality Scoring

- Structure:
 - Earn maximum 60 points (70 if eligible for admissions measure)
 - Performance is $[\text{Points Earned}]/[\text{Maximum Points}]$
 - Score is performance * 50% category weight
- Method:
 - Report numerator/denominator/exception/exclusion
 - Performance scored against benchmarks from two years prior
- Bonus:
 - Maximum 10% for additional outcome/high-priority measures
 - Maximum 10% for reporting via CEHRT
 - Maximum 10% improvement bonus



Claims Submission Resources

Claims Measures

- 73 measures available (<https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/quality-measures>) for individual reporting only
- Download benchmark data at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Resource-Library/2018-Quality-Benchmarks.zip>
- Filter by EHR submission (column C) and select minimum 6 by Measure ID

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Table 2: MIPS Benchmark Results Using DY2016 and PY2018 Logic							
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3	Measure_Name	Measure_ID	Submission_Methc	Measure_Type	Benchmark	Standard_Deviatc	Averag	Decile_3
4	Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)	1	Claims	Outcome	Y	21.7	22	33.33 - 23.54
11	Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation	12	Claims	Process	Y	11.3	96.5	98.99 - 99.99
12	Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Dilated Macular Examination	14	Claims	Process	Y	11.7	97	99.60 - 99.99
14	Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care	19	Claims	Process	Y	13.1	96.6	--

Claims Measure Specifications

- Specification sheets define the measure:
 - Measure type, description, instructions
 - Denominator, numerator, exclusion/exception
 - Measure flow
- Download specifications by measure ID at:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Resource-Library/2018-Resources.html>

- Quality
 - Quality Measure Specifications: 2/9/2018
 - Claims Registry Measures 001-050 
 - Claims Registry Measures 051-100 
 - Claims Registry Measures 101-150 
 - Claims Registry Measures 151-200 
 - Claims Registry Measures 201-250 

Specification Sheet Example

Quality ID #47 (NQF 0326): Care Plan – National Quality Strategy Domain: Communication and Care Coordination

2018 OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:

CLAIMS ONLY

MEASURE TYPE:

Process

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but the patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be submitted a minimum of **once per performance period** for patients seen during the performance period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be submitted by eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

NOTE: *This measure is appropriate for use in all health care settings (e.g., inpatient, nursing home, ambulatory) except the emergency department. For each of these settings, there should be documentation in the medical record(s) that advance care planning was discussed or documented.*

Measure Submission:

The listed denominator criteria is used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator quality-data codes included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions allowed by the measure. All measure-specific coding should be submitted on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.



Claims Coding and Score Tracking

Tracking Scores

- Log into QPP submission site and click “Account Dashboard”
- Click “As individuals” under the REPORT header at right of practice

The screenshot displays the 'Account Dashboard' for Samuel Ross. The left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Account Dashboard' (circled in red), 'Manage User Access', and 'Help and Support'. The main content area features a teal header with the title 'Account Dashboard'. Below this, a message states: 'The submission window is now open' with details for 2018 reporting periods. A section titled 'PRACTICES (1)' shows a practice entry with a redacted TIN and address in Chicago, IL. A 'REPORT' dropdown menu is visible on the right, with 'As individuals >' circled in red. A red arrow points from this circled option to a smaller 'REPORT' dropdown menu located below the practice entry, which also has 'As individuals >' circled in red. The footer includes a 'COLLAPSE' button, the 'Quality Payment PROGRAM' logo, and the 'HUMAN SERVICES USA' logo.

Tracking Scores

- Individuals linked to the practice will appear under “Connected Clinicians”*
- Click “Quality Measures” under the REPORT header next to clinician for whom you are tracking scores

The screenshot displays the CMS Quality Payment Program interface. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains navigation options: 'Account Dashboard', 'Connected Clinicians' (circled in red), and 'Group Reporting'. The main content area has a teal header with 'Account Dashboard > Practices >' and 'Connected Clinicians'. Below the header, there is a section titled 'Report data for clinicians as individuals' with instructions on submission windows. Underneath, a section labeled 'CONNECTED CLINICIANS (1)' lists a single clinician: 'at MDSC', with NPI: #158 and 'Doctor of Medicine'. Below this, 'SPECIAL STATUS' is listed as 'Small Practice'. A 'REPORT' dropdown menu is open on the right, showing three options: 'Quality Measures >' (circled in red), 'Advancing Care Information >', and 'Improvement Activities >'. A red arrow points from the 'Quality Measures >' option in the dropdown to the 'Quality Measures >' link in the main content area.

* If clinicians for whom you need to report are missing, they must be linked to the practice/TIN through PECOS at <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/>

Tracking Scores

- Scores by submission method will display
- Projected score will be listed under Claims heading

The screenshot shows a dashboard for tracking quality scores. On the left, a dark sidebar contains navigation options: 'Connected Clinicians', 'Elig Org 43' (TIN# 000783226), 'LOUISE BELCHER' (NPI# 0002357792), and 'Individual Reporting' with sub-items 'Quality Measures', 'Advancing Care Information', and 'Improvement Activities'. The main content area has a blue header 'Quality' with a sub-header 'The Quality score is based on the highest score among all submission method scores.' and a link 'Read full instructions'. Below this is a section titled 'Your Scores by Submission Methods'. Underneath, it states 'Your highest score is:' followed by a red oval highlighting the word 'Claims'. Below 'Claims' is a donut chart showing a score of 51.5 out of 60.

Quality

The Quality score is based on the highest score among all submission method scores. [Read full instructions](#)

Your Scores by Submission Methods

Your highest score is:

Claims

51.5
OUT OF 60

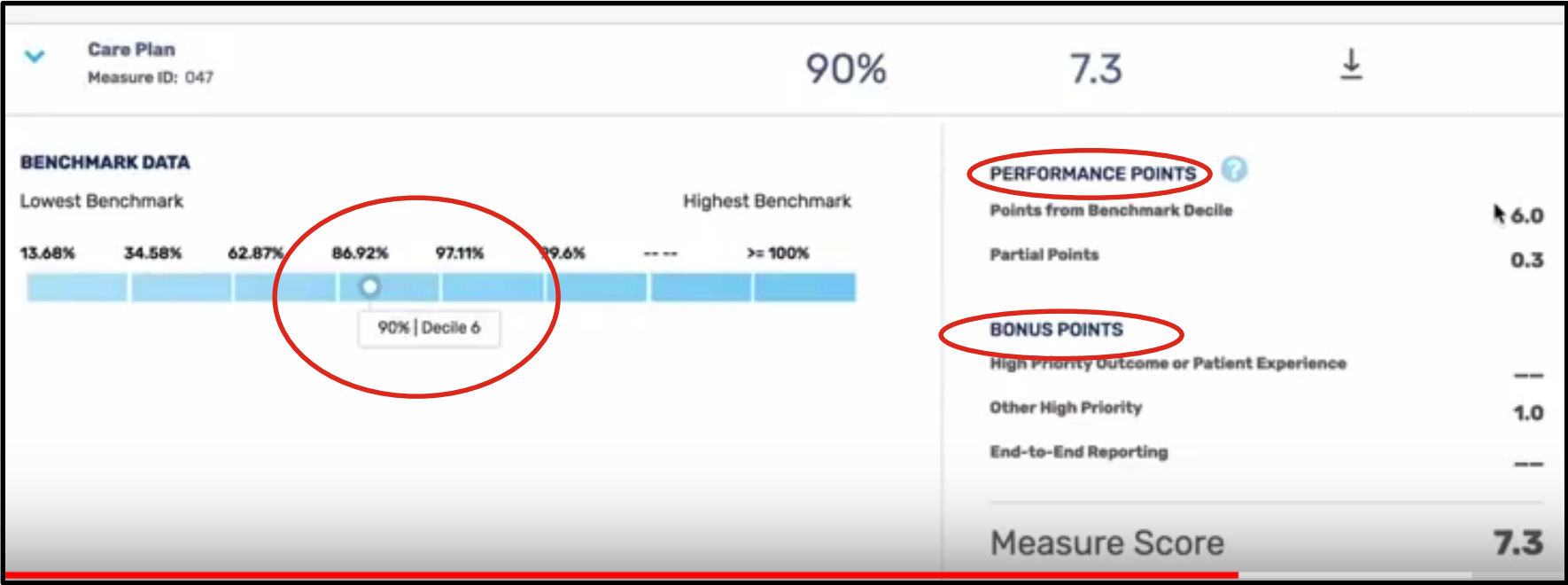
Tracking Scores

- Scroll down for submission summary and details
- Each measure submitted will appear with performance and points earned
- Click the > to review details for measure

Claims Submission Details			
Measures that count toward Quality Performance Score (6)			
Your Measure Score includes both performance points and bonus points.			
Measure Name	Performance Rate	Measure Score	Download Specifications
EXPAND ALL			
> Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care Measure ID: 019	100%	10.0	↓
> Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic - First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin Measure ID: 021	100%	11.0	↓

Tracking Scores

- Benchmark deciles with your position indicated
- Explanation of how performance and bonus points were calculated





Additional Considerations and References

Additional Considerations

- How will codes be documented by clinical staff?
- How will codes be retrieved/entered by administrative staff?
- Must report 60% of eligible cases
- Absence QDC = not reporting eligible case
- Cannot re-submit claims just to add QDC
- Claims for 2018 must get to national data warehouse by 3/1/19

References

- <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/quality-measures>
- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Resource-Library/2018-Resources.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITtCRHOFKn0>

THANK YOU!!

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