In 2019, MIPS builds upon the successful elements of the program while implementing changes from public comment and industry feedback. The program will identify and recommend removal of low-value and low-priority process measures to increase focus on meaningful quality outcome measures and streamlined reporting for clinicians.

Clinicians will be measured in four categories to receive a composite score between 0 and 100.

**Eligible Clinicians**
- Physicians
- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists
- Clinical psychologists
- Physical therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Qualified speech-language pathologists
- Registered dietitians
- Nutrition professionals

**Participation Guidelines**
Eligible Clinicians must participate if they meet these three criteria:

- Bill >$90,000 in Part B Medicare allowable charges a year, **AND**
- Care for >200 Medicare patients a year, **AND**
- Provide 200 or more covered professional services to Part B patients a year

Clinicians may opt in if they meet at least one of these criteria.

**Requirements and Scoring**
Clinicians will be measured in four categories to receive a composite score between 0 and 100.

- **Improvement Activities 15%**
  - Minimum 90 continuous days
- **Cost 15%**
  - Full-year reporting
- **Quality 45%**
  - Full-year reporting
- **Promoting Interoperability 25%**
  - Minimum 90 continuous days up to a full year

**Potential Penalties**
- If the composite score is less than the performance threshold of 30, the payment adjustment will be negative (up to -7%)
- If you don’t participate in 2019, there will be a penalty of -7% in 2021

**2019 Bonus Points**
- 5 points to the Quality category score for small practices with 15 or fewer clinicians
- Up to 5 points for treatment of complex patients
- Up to 5 points for year-over-year Quality improvement; clinicians are not required to report the same measures

**Payment Adjustments**
- 2019 performance impacts: +7%
- 2020 performance impacts: +9%
- 2021 payment adjustments: ±7%
- 2022 payment adjustments: ±9%
- Bonus pool of $500 million annually for performers in the top 25th percentile