

2019

Merit-based Incentive Payment System

MIPS

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.



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

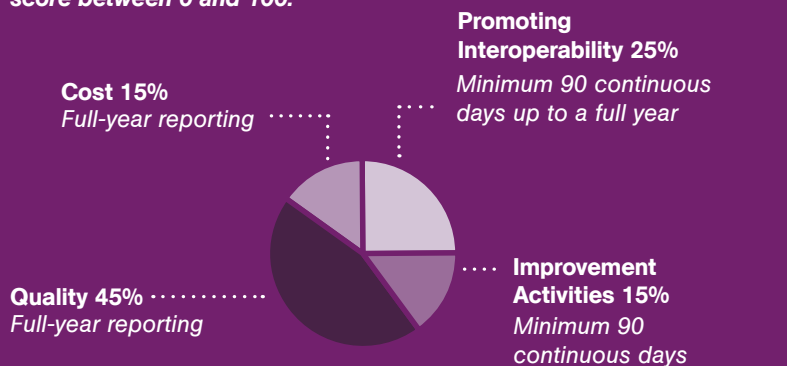
Clinicians *may opt in* if they meet at least one of these criteria.

Eligible clinicians

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

Requirements and Scoring

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



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

±7% 2019 performance impacts 2021 payment adjustments

±9% 2020 performance impacts 2022 payment adjustments

Bonus pool of \$500 million annually for performers in the top 25th percentile

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