



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute April 2018



Happy (QPP) New Year!

Congratulations and great job to everyone who participated in the first year QPP data submission! The MIPS data submission period for 2017 closed April 3, 2018. CMS is now reviewing the data and would like to thank all participating clinicians, vendors, and organizations.

Preliminary data shows approximately 80% of MIPS EC participated in the first reporting year. As we prepare for Year 2, remember the Telligent QPP Resource Center team offers free technical assistance to ECs looking wanting to optimize their score and/or begin the reporting process.

Reach us by phone at 844-358-4021 or send us an [email](#).

New: Preliminary Performance Feedback Report

ECs who submitted 2017 data through the [QPP website](#) can now review their preliminary performance feedback data. Keep in mind, your final score and feedback will not be available until **July 1, 2018**.

ECs can access preliminary and final feedback using the same EIDM credentials for submitting and viewing data during the submission period.

Between now and June 30, 2018, scores may change based on the following:

- Special status scoring considerations (ex. hospital-based clinicians)
- All-Cause Readmission Measure for the Quality category
- Claims Measures to include the 60-day run out period
- CAHPS for MIPS Survey Results
- Advancing Care Information hardship application status
- Improvement study participation and results
- Creation of performance period benchmarks for Quality measures that didn't have a historical benchmark

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 about your preliminary data, please contact us at 844-358-4021 or by [email](#).

Or you can contact the QPP by phone: 1-866-288-8292 / TTY: 1-877-715-6222 or [email](#).

New: Check Your Eligibility Status for Year 2

An updated version of CMS' MIPS [participation look-up tool](#) is now available for ECs to check their 2018 eligibility status. To use the tool, ECs will need their [National Provider Identifier](#) (or NPI) ready.

Changes to Low-Volume Threshold

To reduce the burden on small practices, CMS has changed the eligibility threshold for 2018. 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 the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS); OR
- Furnished covered professional services under the PFS to 200 or fewer Medicare Part B -enrolled beneficiaries.

What Does This Mean for ECs?

To be included in MIPS for the 2018 performance period, ECs need to have

1. Billed more than \$90,000 in Medicare Part B allowed charges for covered professional services under the PFS; **AND**
2. Furnished covered professional services under the PFS to more than 200 Medicare Part B enrolled beneficiaries.

Note: The 2018 look-up tool for Alternative Payment Model (APM) participants will be updated at a later time.

Find out whether you're eligible for MIPS today, and take steps to earn a positive payment adjustment in 2020.

Events: Mark Your Calendar

April 10, 2018

What:

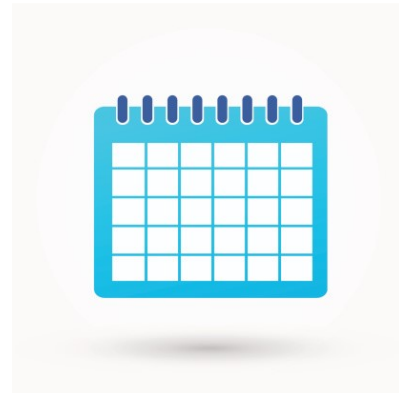
Telligen QPP Webinar: A Closer Look at the Cost Performance Category

Description:

Please join our guest speaker, Pamela Ballou-Nelson, principal consultant with MGMA as she takes a closer look at the Cost performance category and how these changes will affect clinicians and staff in your organization.

Participants will Learn:

1. Key category changes for 2018
2. Basic requirements for ECs
3. How the Cost category is scored
4. Voluntary reporting of the five patient relationship codes



Register Now:

- [Tuesday, April 10, 2018; 11 a.m., CT](#)

April 12, 2018

What:

Telligen QIN Coffee Talk: Exploring the QPP Payment Adjustment Rules

Description:

Confused about how the payment adjustment will follow the NPI for the MIPS program? Did you know this is different from the previous years under PQRS?

This event will explore general payment adjustment rules and walk participants through several scenarios. The last half will feature an open Q&A session to answer questions about QPP requirements.

Register Now:

- [Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:00 - 12:00 CT](#)

April 17 & 19

What:

CMS April LAN Webinar: Using Improvement Activities to Enhance Performance Scores

Description:

Choosing the right improvement activities can benefit your patients, practice, and help you achieve a higher MIPS score.

In this webinar, a panel of CMS experts will review the types of improvement activities, and show you how to leverage those activities to boost your overall MIPS score. The panelists will also review special conditions that apply to small group practices and solo practitioners.

Register Now:

- [Tuesday, April 17; 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., CT](#)
- [Thursday, April 19; 10:00 - 11 a.m., CT](#)

May 8, 2018

What:

Telligen QPP Webinar: A Closer Look at Advancing Care Information and Improvement Activities Categories

Description:

Please join Sandy Swallow (QIN) and Michelle Brunsen (SURS) as they take a closer look at the Advancing Care Information (ACI) and Improvement Activities (IA) performance categories and how these changes will affect clinicians and staff in your organization.

Objectives:

1. Learn the key changes from 2017 to 2018
2. Understand the requirements for ECs
3. Explore steps to be successful in 2018

Register Now:

- [Tuesday, May 8; 11:00 am - Noon, CT](#)

Coming to a Conference Near You

What:

Telligen QPP Conference Schedule: Stop by our booth or attend our breakout session!

When & Where:

- [Iowa](#): April 18 - 20 at Hilton Garden Inn (Jordan Creek) in West Des Moines

- Attend our April 19 breakout session, "Stump the Experts: FAQs on MIPS" at 1:30 p.m.
- [Nebraska](#): May 9 - 11 at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln
 - Visit the Telligen QPP Booth on April 10th in the exhibit area

QPP Resources: Now Available on CMS.gov

New resources on the [QPP Resource Library](#) include:

- [Cost Performance Category fact sheet](#) (3/27)
- [Improvement Activities Performance Category fact sheet](#) (3/27)
- [Quality Performance Category fact sheet](#) (4/5)
- [Advancing Care information fact sheet](#) (3/1)
- [Qualified Clinical Data Registry \(QCDR\) Measure Specifications](#) (3/21)
- [CAHPS for MIPS survey overview fact sheet](#) (3/27)
- [CAHPS for MIPS Survey - sample copy](#) (3/27)
- [All-Payer Combination Option & Other Advanced APMs FAQs](#) (3/22)
- [All-Payer Combination Option Glossary](#) (3/22)
- [Performance Year 2018 Quality Performance Category Scoring Web Interface Reporters under the APM Scoring Standard](#) (3/23)
- [2018 Other MIPS APM Quality Performance Category](#) (3/23)

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