



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute February 2018

February 2018 Top 10 MIPS Reporting Tips



Upcoming Deadline: Submit 2017 MIPS Performance Data

March deadlines are fast approaching for submitting 2017 MIPS performance data. Don't wait until the last minute - submit early & often. Key dates to remember include:

- March 1 for submitting quality performance category data [via claim](#)
- March 16 (8 pm EST) for group reporting, via the [CMS web interface](#)
- March 31 for all other MIPS reporting, including vis qpp.cms.gov

Need Help?

Telligen's QPP advisors are here to help you move forward with confidence. Give the Telligen QPP resource Center a call at 844-358-4021 or send us an [email](#).

Take Action: Top 10 MIPS Reporting Tips

With 2017 performance data submission deadlines around the corner, now is the time to act. Here are the top 10 MIPS tips for ECs reporting data in 2018.*

(*Note: This list focuses on reporting via the QPP data submission system, not groups reporting via the CMS Web Interface or individuals reporting via claims submission).

2017 Performance Period Timeline



1. Get Familiar with the [new data submission system](#).
2. Get Your Data Ready for the Quality, Improvement Activities, & Advancing Care Information categories.
3. Get your EIDM Credentials Ready, or get an EIDM account if you don't have one (see next article for more information).
4. [Sign-In](#) to the QPP data submission system using your EIDM account.
5. Start Submitting your data early to familiarize yourself with the system & [prepare your data](#).
6. **Know Your Group:** ECs can report as a group or individually & can switch at anytime. For ECs reporting as a group, the data submission system will recognize your [NPI](#) & tie it to other EC's sharing a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
7. **Know Your Data:** The system saves all data entered for individual ECs and the group. CMS will use data with the highest final score to calculate an individual EC's payment adjustment.

8. **Resolve Performance Issues** by submitting/updating right up to the March 31 deadline. The system doesn't have a "save" or "submit" button, but will automatically update as data is entered. Once CMS receives your data, initial scores will be displayed by performance category.
9. **Submit as Often as You Like:** Use the data submission system to identify any under-performing measures & issues with your data.
10. **get Step-by-Step Instructions** by referencing this [video](#) & [fact sheet](#).

How To: Log-In to the QPP Data Submission System

ECs are encouraged to log-in early & often to become familiar with the system. [To log-in and submit data](#) to the QPP website, you must have valid EIDM credentials:

- The EIDM account provides user identification for accessing CMS' systems.
- The system will connect each user with their practice Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). Once connected, ECs can report as a group or as individual clinicians within the practice.
- To learn about how to create an EIDM account, see this [user guide](#).

ECs who need assistance with the data submission system may contact CMS by [email](#) or toll free at 1-866-288-8292.

Events: Mark Your Calendar

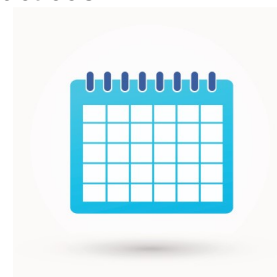
[February 20 & 22, 2018](#)

What:

CMS LAN Webinar: *Final Rule Implications for Small Group Practices*

Participants will learn how to:

- Key changes in Year 2 of the MIPS program
- Practical tips for successfully responding to these adjustments
- How to access free technical assistance resources



Register Now:

[Tuesday, February 20, 2018; 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., CST](#)

[Thursday, February 22, 2018; 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., CST](#)

[March 6, 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 & 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](#)

Past Events

What:

QPP Coffee Talk: *Navigating the MIPS Submission System*

Description: This presentation explores the new MIPS attestation portal along with the submission process for individuals, groups, & MIPS-APM participants. Presented as part of Telligen's monthly coffee talk series.

Access the slides [here](#).

QPP Resources: Now Available on CMS.gov

New resources on patient-facing encounters are available on the [CMS website](#):

- Patient-Facing Encounter Codes Fact Sheet: defines encounters & details categories for determining non-patient facing status for ECs.
- Patient-Facing Encounter Codes List: Specifies the code & description for each encounter
- [Operational List of Care Episode & Patient Condition Codes Background](#): Provides context for information presented in the Operational List of Care Episode & Patient Condition Codes document.
- Operational list of Care Episode and Patient Condition Codes: Presents the operational list of eight episodes-based cost measures and their corresponding episode group trigger codes.

Recently Updated:

- [Extreme & Uncontrollable Circumstances](#) Fact Sheet

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