



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute

February 2019



New: Year 2 Data Submission

The QPP data submission period for Year 2 (2018) began on January 2, 2019. You may now log in through the [QPP website](#) and upload your data files or attest for Quality, Improvement Activities and Promoting Interoperability.

Data must be submitted by April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., CT to receive credit. You can add and correct data any time until the submission deadline. For example, if you enter Quality data today, you can attest for Improvement Activities any time before the submission deadline.

CMS recently added a series of data submission videos to the [QPP resource library](#). These videos can help guide you through the data submission process or you can reference the Data Submission User Guide. You can also view a recording of Telligen's data submission webinar at: [Deep Dive Into MIPS Data Submission for Year Two](#).

For further assistance, please contact us at: 1-844-358-4021 Monday - Friday 8

Upcoming Webinars: Mark Your Calendar

Telligen Webinars

APM 201 Series: Moving from MIPS to an APM: What You Need to Know

Hosted by Telligen QIN QIO, Telligen SURS and COMPASS PTN

- **Session One: Going Forward in the New APM Models** - In December, CMS released their final ACO rule, Pathways to Success. In this webinar, Dr. Donald Klitgaard will explain what participation in an APM will look like going forward. [February 19, 2019 11:00 a.m. to Noon CT](#)
- **Session Two: Overcoming the Challenges of Transitioning to an APM** - In part two of this series, we will share challenges that practices encounter when transitioning from the fee-for-service model to an Alternative Payment Model or ACO. We will provide steps to help you move toward an APM in the future. We will also hear from a small practice who recently made the transition. [April 16, 2019 Noon to 1:00 p.m., CT](#)
- **Session Three: Sharing APM Success Stories** - In part three of this series, practices will share tips that helped them navigate through a successful ACO transition. [June 18, 2019 Noon to 1:00 p.m., CT](#)

CMS Webinars

Submitting 2018 MIPS Data

February's LAN will focus on preparing small practices for the upcoming submission deadline.

- [Tuesday, February 19; 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., CT](#)
- [Thursday, February 21; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., CT](#)

MIPS Question and Answer Town Hall Event for Solo and Small Group Practices

March's LAN features a panel of experts who understand MIPS and work regularly with small practices to help them succeed in MIPS.

- [Tuesday, March 19; 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., CT](#)
- [Thursday, March 21; 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., CT](#)

Past Webinars

Did you know that Telligen and CMS record all of their webinars? View them below.

- [Telligen SURS Webinars](#)
- [National SURS Webinars](#)
- [CMS QPP Webinars](#)

Reminder: New Log-In System for the QPP Website

On December 19, 2018, CMS transitioned to a new system used to create identity management accounts and request access to the [QPP website](#). The previous system, EIDM, has been replaced by HCQIS Access Roles and Profile System. All users will manage access to the organizations they represent for reporting quality data and viewing MIPS feedback directly through the [QPP website](#).

If you had an EIDM account, a HARP account was created for you. You can log in with your EIDM user name and password. We highly recommend testing your login.

If you don't have an EIDM account, you'll need to register for a HARP account. For a step-by-step guide on signing up for a HARP account, please refer to the Register for a HARP Account guide here: [QPP Access User Guide](#).

Reminder: Check Your 2019 MIPS Eligibility

To view your eligibility status for the 2019 performance period under the Merit-based Incentive Payment system, visit: [QPP Participation Status Tool](#) and enter in your National Provider Identifier.

How CMS Determines 2019 MIPS Eligibility Status

Review of [PECOS](#) data and Medicare Part B claims for services provided during two 12-month segments, known as the MIPS determination period.

- **First Segment:** October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018
 - Includes a 30-day claims run out period
- **Second Segment:** October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019
 - Does not include claims run out period

The QPP Participation Status Tool update shows preliminary 2019 eligibility status based on data from **October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018**.

Now Available: 2019 MIPS Measures and Activities

The [QPP website](#) now includes 2019 MIPS Measures and Activities. CMS has also updated their [Explore Measures](#) tool for the 2019 performance period.

The website now includes 2019 MIPS measures and activities for the four performance categories of Quality, Cost, Improvement Activities, and Promoting Interoperability.

Your Telligen Team: Meet Pam Ballou-Nelson



Pam Ballou-Nelson is a principal consultant with MGMA. She helps the SURS team and small practices understand cost measures within the MIPS program, and their relationship to practice operations.

Pam is an RN with a BSN in nursing from the University of Utah. She also has an MA in communications from Wheaton College, and a MSPH and PhD, in Public Health from Walden University.

Pam's 35 plus years of experience in health care settings have resulted in a strong understanding of health care policy and practice, while participating in many health care challenges and changes.

Her skill set covers public and population health, patient activation, ambulatory practice management, clinical quality measure development and compliance, health system transformation, informatics, leadership development and extensive educational and mentoring involvement with medical staff and community.

Pam currently lives in Castle Rock, Colorado with her husband and two cats.

Resources: Now Available from CMS & CDC

[CMS QPP Resources](#)

Filter options are now making it easier to search by keyword, performance year, reporting track, performance category or type of resource.

For example, if you filter to 2019 for the Quality Performance Category, you will find all 2019 Quality resources, including the 2019 Quality Fact Sheet, 2019 Benchmarks and 2019 Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents.

We encourage you to explore the new resource library and check out the new resources available:

- 2019 Quality Benchmarks
- 2018 Quality Benchmarks
- 2019 QCDR Measure Specifications
- 2019 MIPS Data Validation Criteria
- 2018 QPP Data Submission User Guide
- 2019 Clinical Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents

[CDC Opioid Training Sessions](#)

The modules offer free continuing education, and are part of a series of

interactive online training that feature CDC [Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#), clinical scenarios, tools and resource libraries to enhance learning.

- [Determining Whether to Initiate Opioids for Chronic Pain:](#)

Identify and consider important patient factors when starting or continuing opioid therapy

- [Implementing CDC's Opioid Prescribing Guideline into Clinical Practice:](#) Walk through a quality improvement process using the set of 16 clinical measures outlined in [Quality Improvement and Care Coordination: Implementing the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#)

View additional modules on the CDC [Interactive Training Series](#) webpage.

Quality Measures Tip: Heart Health

February is heart health awareness month. Help keep your patients' hearts healthy by encouraging proper screening and treatment. There are many measures that support heart health including: 317 - Screening for High Blood Pressure and 236 - Controlling High Blood Pressure.

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