



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute

Coming Soon: MIPS Eligibility Letters

CMS has released an online lookup tool that enables clinicians to determine whether they should participate in the Merit-Based Payment Program (MIPS) this year.

To use the tool, log-in to the [QPP home page](#), enter your unique NPI, and click "check NPI." The tool will display the TINs associated with the NPI, and list all MIPS-eligible clinicians.

If incorrect information displays under the practice name and/or address, please [update PECOS here](#). If the information in PECOS is correct, please notify the CMS QPP Resource Center at: 866-288-8292 or email QPP@cms.hhs.gov.

NPI = National Provider Identifier; TIN = Taxpayer Identification numbers; PECOS = Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System.

Last Call: LAN Panel Discussion

Did you miss the LAN webinar panel discussion on "Preparing for MIPS in the Small Group Practice" on June 6th? If so, there's still time to [register for the second session](#) on Thursday, June 8 at 2:30 - 3:30 pm (CT)

This event is designed for:

- Clinicians and practice managers from small group practices
- Persons assisting small group practices during the 2017 transition year

Participants will learn:

- Whether they need to participate in MIPS
- Pros and cons of participating as an individual or group
- Practical first steps to begin preparing for MIPS
- Where and how to get started
- Where to find technical assistance and other available resources

Deadline: MU Hardship Exceptions

Are you participating in MIPS but haven't successfully achieved Meaningful Use? Or have you claimed an EHR hardship exemption in the past? If so, here's what you need to know about applying for a hardship exception.

Who can apply?

1. Clinicians who didn't successfully attest to meaningful use under the EHR Incentive Program and are transitioning to MIPS in program year 2017.
2. Clinicians that previously attested to meaningful use but were unable to (for a reason beyond their control) in program year 2016. Do not submit this application - the instructions and application can be found [here](#).



What's the deadline?

The deadline for clinicians to submit hardship forms for the 2018 payment adjustment, based on the 2016 EHR reporting period is **October 1, 2017**.

Events: Mark Your Calendar

June 22

What:

Telligen QPP-SURS Webinar

Time & Location:

12 p.m., CST

Topic & Description:

Improvement Activities & Cost

Learn the basics on the NEW reporting category, and find out how to align your activities with the Quality category. [Registration](#) is now open.

Now Available: Advancing Care Information

Clinicians unable to attend the May webinar on Advancing Care Information [can view the recording and slides](#) on Telligen's QPP website. The webinar provides tips on how to maximize your ACI score, and includes a list of items to be working on now.

Subscribe: QPP LISTSERV

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Did You Know: Improve Care Coordination with Direct

Direct secure messaging (Direct) is an available feature on EHRs that enables secure transmission of health information over the internet. Using direct improves care coordination between providers; enabling quicker, better patient care.

To Do's:

- Make sure you and your staff know your Direct address, and can make it available to other offices for secure information exchange.
- To make the process easier, call your referral/referring practice partners to obtain their direct addresses and start entering them into your EHR. Gives us a call if you have any questions.



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