



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute March 2018

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Upcoming Deadline: Submit 2017 MIPS Performance Data

It's time to submit your 2017 MIPS performance data. Key dates to remember include:

- March 16 (8 pm EST) for group reporting via the [CMS web](#)

[interface](#)

- **March 31** for all other MIPS reporting, including via app.cms.gov

The [QPP data submission system](#) is quick and easy, especially if you're using certified EHR or submitting data from a registry. Once started, your data can be updated as many times as necessary up through the March 31 deadline.

Each time you update your submission, you will notice how your preliminary score changes for both each individual measure and overall score. **Starting your data submission today will give you a chance to see what adjustments you may need to make before the March 31 deadline.**

If data is submitted on your behalf . . .

either by an EHR vendor, Qualified Registry, or Qualified Clinical Data Registry, you can still view your submitted data by logging-in to the QPP data submission system.

Logging-In to the QPP Data Submission 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.

Need Help Submitting Your Data?

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

New: Participate in Study & Earn Full Improvement Activity Credit

CMS is seeking MIPS-eligible clinicians to volunteer for a study of the new QPP data submission system. The study will use clinician feedback to improve the data submission experience, and identify additional methods for reducing burden.

Interested candidates should send the following contact information

to appsurs@impaqint.com by March 14, 2018 at 5 p.m.:

- Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Practice Size
- Clinician Type
- Special Status (If Applicable - Small, Rural, HPSA, Hospital-based, Ambulatory Surgical Center-based, Non-Patient Facing)

How It Works: Candidates will document their experience and time spent via an online diary.

- Prior to participation, candidates will undergo a pre-study interview that helps CMS learn more about your background.
 - The interview is a one-time occurrence, and will include additional details about the online diary and overall study.
- Following the interview, candidates will receive a unique link to the online diary.
 - A typical diary entry takes an estimated 10-15 minutes.
 - Candidates can submit multiple entries until the submission period deadline on March 31.
 - When the submission period closes, CMS will lock the online diary, and may follow-up with candidates for a post-study interview.
- Selected candidates will be notified by CMS within 3 business days.

Events: Mark Your Calendar

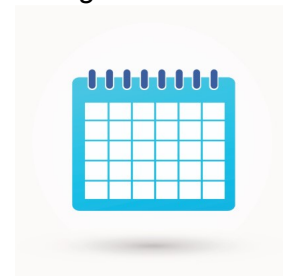
[March 20 & 22, 2018](#)

What:

CMS LAN Webinar: *Preparing Small Practices for MIPS Cost Scoring*

Participants will learn how to:

- How Cost scores will be calculated by CMS
- How to identify/adapt in areas impacting your score the most
- Cost containment practices unique to small group practices
- Practical tips for earning the highest possible score
- Ways to access free technical assistance from CMS or a direct support organization



Register Now:

- [Tuesday, March 20, 2018; 11:00 a.m. to Noon., ET](#)

- [Thursday, March 22, 2018; 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., ET](#)

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

- [April 10, 2018; 11: a.m., CST](#)

Past Events

What:

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

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](#).

New: Submit Measures & Activities for MIPS Consideration

The MIPS Annual Call for Measures invites clinicians, professional associations, and medical societies to submit measures and activities for future consideration in the MIPS program. CMS is currently accepting submissions for:

- EHR measures for the Advancing Care Information performance category, and
- Quality measures for the Quality performance category.

How to Submit Measures and Activities

The fact sheet "Call for Measures and Activities" will guide you through the submission process during the specified submission periods:

- **February 1 - June 29, 2018** (for 2020 measures) for the Advancing

Care Information Category

- March 1 - June 1, 2018 (for 2019 measures) for the Quality Category

For More Information

Visit the [QPP Resource Library](#).

QPP Resources: Now Available on CMS.gov

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

- Quality Measure Specifications Supporting Documents (2/28)
- 30-day All-Cause Hospital Readmission Measure (3/5)
- Qualified Clinical Data Registry Measure Specifications (2/22)
- [Cost Performance Category Fact Sheet](#) (3/1)
- 2018 CAHPS for MIPS Survey Vendors [Application](#) (2/27)
 - [Minimum Business Requirements](#) (2/27)
- [CAHPS for MIPS Survey Vendor FAQs](#) (2/27)

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