

QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute

March 2019



No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow! Hopefully it will be here soon!

The deadline to submit your 2018 performance year data is fast approaching! All data must be submitted by April 2, 2019, at 7 p.m. CST.

Data Submission

If you haven't submitted data for the 2018 performance period, you have until April 2, 2019 at 7 p.m. CST. To upload data, or to attest, [login](#) through the QPP website using your HARP credentials.

HARP is a new system that replaced EIDM. If you had an EIDM account, CMS set up a HARP account for you using your EIDM credentials. If you need to set up a new account, please reference the QPP Access User Guide, or [QPP Account Videos](#) for assistance.

We can't emphasize enough the importance of starting this process TODAY if

you need a new account. Once logged in, you can add or correct data anytime until the submission deadline. If you need help submitting data, refer to the Data Submission User Guide, Data Submission Videos (search data submission in the [QPP resource library](#)) or contact us at 1-844-358-4021 or qpp-surs@telligen.com.

If you had data submitted on your behalf by a third party (i.e. an EHR or registry), we encourage you to log in to your QPP account and verify that the data is accurate. After April 2, 2019, data can't be resubmitted or corrected

Upcoming CMS Webinars

CMS Webinars - Register Now!

March's LAN: MIPS Question and Answer Town Hall Event for Solo and Small Group Practices

- A panel of experts who understand MIPS and work regularly with small practices to help them succeed will answer questions from participants
 - [Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST](#)
 - [Thursday, March 21, 2019 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST](#)

MIPS Data Submission for Year 2 (2018) of the Quality Payment Program Office Hours

- CMS will host an office hours session where subject matter experts will provide an overview for submitting data for Year 2 (2018) of the Quality Payment Program. A participant question and answer session will also be included.
 - [Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. CST](#)

April LAN Webinar: Lessons Learned: How to Succeed in MIPS for Solo and Small Group Practices

- This event features a panel of solo and small practice clinicians, practice managers and experts who learned how to succeed in MIPS.
 - [Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST](#)
 - [Thursday, April 18, 2019, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST](#)

Upcoming Telligen Webinars

Security Risk Assessment; More than a QPP Requirement

- Please join Dan Friedrich, Director of the Center for Advancement of Health Information Technology, at Dakota State University and a Telligen QPP SURS partner. He will explain what goes into a good Security Risk Assessment, how to decide if you should do it yourself and what tools are available.
 - [Thursday, March 28, 2019 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST](#)

- **Session Two: Overcoming the Challenges of Transitioning to an APM** - In part two of this series, we'll explore challenges 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.
 - [Tuesday, April 16, 2019 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST](#)
- **Session Three: Sharing APM Success Stories** - In part three of this series, practices will share their journeys, and provide tips and strategies that helped them navigate through a successful ACO transition.
 - [Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CST](#)

New Podcasts

On February 19, 2019, CMS launched a new podcast to highlight updates and changes to its policies and programs. Episode one focuses on recent changes to the Evaluation and Management Coding.

New episodes of the podcast will be released periodically and will feature a range of subject-matter experts, stakeholders and Administrator Verma herself.

The podcast will be available on iTunes and Google Play soon, but for now can be found on the [CMS website](#).

Telligent QIN QIO Podcast, Speaking Out on The Quality Payment Program

This podcast features Q&A sessions from industry experts, dives deep into the four performance areas of QPP and provides guidance on data submission.

Each episode will cover fundamental details and provide helpful tips for 2019 program participation. Visit: <https://www.telligentqinqio.com/qin-podcasts/>

New Resources in the QPP Resource Library

The following resources were updated or added in February:

- 2019 MIPS Data Validation Criteria
- 2019 Quality Fact Sheet
- 2019 Improvement Activity Fact Sheet
- 2019 Facility-based Measurement Fact Sheet
- 2018 Data Submission FAQs
- 2018 Measures and Activities for Dentists
- 2019 Claims Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents

- 2019 Clinical Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents
- 2019 Claims Data Submission Fact Sheet
- 2019 Improvement Activity Inventory
- 2018 Quality Benchmarks
- 2019 Quality Benchmarks

We encourage you to explore the resource library and check out all the great resources that are available.

Your Telligen Team: Dan Friedrich



We'd like to introduce our partner Dan Friedrich. Dan is the Director of the Center for Advancement of Health Information Technology, at Dakota State University.

Dan and his team assist the SURS clinicians and practices in North and South Dakota. He is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional with 40 years of experience in information assurance and adult technical instruction.

Dan is based in Madison, South Dakota and is widely regarded as an expert in healthcare privacy and security issues. He has led several federally funded statewide health IT projects including the Regional Extension Center for Health IT. He leads the South Dakota and North Dakota efforts for Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative, and Quality Payment Program Small, Underserved and Rural Support.

March Quality Measures Tip

March 10-16 is patient safety awareness week. There are over 40 patient safety quality measures that you can report on for QPP. These include: fall risk assessment, depression and dementia screening and surgical and specialty measures.

Performing these measures can help keep your patients safe, and satisfy your QPP reporting requirements.

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