



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute May 2018



New: Enter Interoperability

Advancing Care Information Becomes "Promoting Interoperability"

To further promote commitments to interoperability of healthcare data and streamlining incentive programs, CMS recently re-named the EHR Incentive Program (for hospitals) and the Advancing Care Information category (MIPS performance category) to "Promoting Interoperability."

The change will go beyond existing Meaningful Use requirements; bringing an increased focus on interoperability and improving patient access to health information.

What This Means:

- *For MIPS ECs:* The "Advancing Care Information" performance category is now called "Promoting Interoperability"
- *For Eligible Hospitals, CAHs, and Medicaid Providers:* "EHR Incentive Programs" is now named "Promoting Interoperability Programs"

Please note this re-branding will not merge or combine the EHR Incentive Programs and MIPS. In the coming weeks, CMS will be updating its websites and educational resources to reflect this change.

Coming Soon: Final MIPS Scores

... Arriving This Summer

Final performance feedback will be available this summer (anticipated for July) to EC participants in the 2017 MIPS performance year. Currently, only preliminary feedback is available on qpp.cms.gov.

Want an instant update when the final reports become available? Subscribe to QPP email updates by clicking "Subscribe" at the bottom of any page on the [QPP website](#). Also remember [resources](#) to support your MIPS participation are updated regularly on the site.

Events: Mark Your Calendar

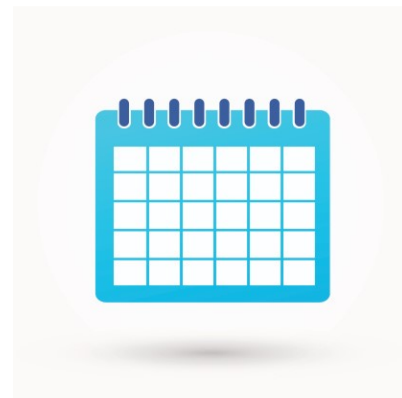
May 15 & 17, 2018

What:

CMS LAN May Webinar: Succeeding in MIPS - Advice from Peers in Solo and Group Practices

Description:

Want to learn how to meet Year 2 requirements while serving your community and meeting your financial goals? In this event, owners and employees of solo and small practices will discuss the challenges to come in 2018. From preparing for the cost category, to investing wisely in EHR systems, to helping small practices succeed; ***this is one event you won't want to miss.***



Participants will Learn How To:

1. Choose quality measures and improvement activities aligned with the practice's needs
2. Set priorities for 2018 MIPS activities using existing reports and data
3. Access free, local technical assistance
4. Effectively engage staff and other clinicians in MIPS-related activities

Register Now:

- [Tuesday, May 15; 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., CT](#)
- [Thursday, May 17; 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., CT](#)

May 16, 2018

What:

Medicare Learning Network's QPP Call: Answering Your Frequently Asked Questions

Description:

During this call, CMS will answer QPP-related FAQs taken from the 2018 HIMSS Conference and the QPP Service Center. Phone lines will also be open for a participant Q&A.

Target Audience:

Medicare Part B fee-for-service clinicians; office managers and administrators; state and national associations representing healthcare providers; and other stakeholders.

Register Now:

[Wednesday, May 16; 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., CT](#)

Get Ready: Let Us Help Improve Your MIPS Score

Have workflow changes improved your Quality and/or Promoting Interoperability scores?

What Improvement Activities have you selected?

Are you gathering Improvement Activity baseline data and working on quality improvement workflows?

Have you determined what changes might improve your 2017 score?

Telligen's QPP-SURS team wants to know. We're reaching out to ECs to answer questions and offer tips for improving in 2018. If you want to reach us beforehand, call us at 844-358-4021 or send an [email](#).

QPP Resources: Now Available on CMS.gov

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

- [2018 CAHPS for MIPS Conditionally Approved Survey Vendor List](#): Lists vendors approved to administer the CAHPS MIPS survey for 2018.
- [2018 Registration Guide for the CMS Web Interface and CAHPS for MIPS Survey](#): Instructions for how to register a group to participate in MIPS using the CMS Web Interface and/or administer the CAHPS for MIPS Survey for the 2018 performance period. Also includes instructions for modifying or canceling registration.

- [2018 CMS Web Interface Fact Sheet](#): Overview of the CMS Web Interface available to groups with 25 or more MIPS eligible clinicians.
- [2018 MIPS Group Participation Guide](#): Overview of MIPS group participation in 2018, including how groups are defined, data submission mechanisms available, and how group data is scored.
- [Enterprise Identity Data Management \(EIDM\) User Guide](#)
- [Quality Performance Category Fact Sheet](#)
- Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) Qualified Posting
- [Guide to Submitting CMS Multi-Payer Model Requests for Other Payer Advanced APM Determinations](#)

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