



QPP Resource Center: MACRA Minute

October 2019



Get Ready: 2019 Data Submission

The 2019 data submission period is right around the corner. As a reminder, we offer free technical assistance and guidance to make sure that you are ready to submit MIPS data and meet your goals. Contact your Telligent QPP advisor or Kelly Smith at 515-223-2164 or kesmith@telligent.com.

Reminder: PI Hardship Exemptions

The 2019 QPP Exception Applications for the Promoting Interoperability performance category are now available. Applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2019**. MIPS ECs, groups, and virtual groups may submit an application citing one of the following reasons:

- You're a small practice
- You have decertified EHR technology
- You have insufficient internet connectivity
- You face extreme and uncontrollable circumstances such as disaster, practice closure, severe financial distress or vendor issues
- You lack control over the availability of CEHRT (simply lacking CEHRT)

does not qualify you for re-weighting) Note: EC's already exempt from PI need not apply

If you have questions about the hardship exceptions, please refer to the [2019 Exceptions: FAQs](#) document.

Listen Now: 2020 Proposed Rule Podcasts

For more information regarding the proposed changes for the Quality Payment Program in 2020, listen to our podcast series. Each episode highlights a section of the rule and how it will affect the program.

- Episode 1: General Changes Proposed for QPP in 2020
- Episode 2: Proposed Changes for the Quality Category
- Episode 3: Proposed Changes for the Improvement Activities and Promoting Interoperability Categories
- Episode 4: Proposed Changes for the Cost Category

You can find all the podcasts [here](#).

Register Now: *October Events*

LAN Webinar: Transforming Your Practice to Succeed in MIPS

At this roundtable event, panelists will share insights & challenges to succeeding in MIPS, including:

- Care coordination techniques
- Creating and using EHR functionalities
- Collaborating with community partners
- Engaging staff
- Aligning MIPS with other work to help patients & practices succeed

[Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST](#)

[Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST](#)

Resources: *New From CMS*

New: MIPS Glossary

A new [glossary of common MIPS terms](#) is now available on the QPP website under the "About" tab.

New: Quick Start Guides

CMS also developed two new Quick Start Guides summarizing requirements for the [Promoting Interoperability](#) and [Improvement Activities](#) performance categories. These are a great resource for those new to the program or looking for a quick overview.

The Latest: New or Updated to the QPP Resource Library

- [2019 Improvement Activities Guide](#)
- [2019 QP Methodology Factsheet](#)
- [2019 MIPS Quality Measures Impacted by ICD-10 Updates](#)
- [2018 MIPS Performance Feedback Beneficiary-Level Data Reports](#)
- [2019 Improvement Activity Category Fact Sheet](#)
- [2019 MIPS 101 Guide](#)
- [2020 MIPS Payment Adjustment Fact Sheet](#)
- [2019 Qualified Registries](#)
- [2018 Performance Feedback FAQs](#)
- [2019 MIPS Participation and Eligibility Fact Sheet](#)

Quality Measure Tip: *Mental Illness*

Mental Illness Awareness Week: October 6-12

This year, clinical psychologists were added to the list of MIPS ECs. CMS created a specialty guide for psychologists that provides an overview of the program and highlights measures and activities that may fit your practice.

Psychologists looking for more information on QPP-MIPS are encouraged to contact us at qpp-surs@telligen.com.

For more information on participation requirements, review the [Clinical Psychologists Fact Sheet](#). Additional speciality specific guides are available in the [QPP Resource Library](#).

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