



In Case You Missed It: 2019 QPP Final Rule

*Last week CMS released the **2019 QPP Final Rule** outlining what the changing and expanding program will look like in its third year.*

A summary of key policies for QPP Year 3 include:

- **Expanding MIPS EC criteria** to include physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, clinical

psychologists, and registered dietitians or nutrition professionals.

- **Adding a third element to the low-volume threshold** determination (number of covered professional services) and providing an opt-in participation option.
- **Offering facility-based scoring** so that facility-based clinicians aren't required to submit individual data.
- **Requiring a smaller set of objectives and measures** with performance-based scoring for the Promoting Interoperability category.
- **Continuing the small practice bonus**, but including it in the Quality performance category score instead of as a standalone bonus.
- **Streamlining the definition of a MIPS comparable measure** for Advanced APMs.
- **Updating the MIPS APM measure sets** that apply for purposes of the APM scoring standard.
- Increasing use of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) by requiring 75 percent of ECs in each APM entity use CEHRT.
- **Extending the 8 percent revenue-based nominal amount standard** for Advanced APMs through performance year 2024.

For More Information:

- [High-Level Executive Summary](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#) Comparing Year 2 & Year 3 Requirements
- CMS' Year 3 [Final Rule Webinar](#) (11/15 at 11 a.m. CT)

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