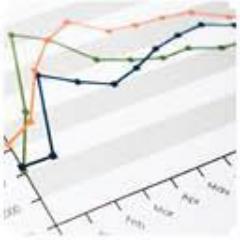


# Quality Reporting

*With Kim Baxter*



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# Today's Presenter



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# MIPS Quality Reporting



# How to Check Eligibility Status

<https://qpp.cms.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Quality Payment Program website. On the left, a teal-colored box contains the text "Check Your Participation Status" and a placeholder for an "NPI Number" with a "Check Status >" button. A red circle highlights this box. To the right, there is a large image of two women, one older and one younger, smiling. The top navigation bar includes links for "Search (beta)", "About", "MIPS", "APMs", "Resources", and "Sign In".

Quality Payment  
PROGRAM

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Manage Account and Register

Check Your Participation Status

Enter your National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

NPI Number  Check Status >

Want to check eligibility for all clinicians in a practice at once? You can view practice eligibility after signing in

# QPP Participation Status

Enter your 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) number to view your QPP participation status by performance year (PY).

NPI Number

 Check All Years >

## Associated Practices (2)

<b>MEDICAL GROUP PLLC</b>	<span>+ Expand</span>
MIPS Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECK APM REQUIREMENTS	
<b>WOUND CARE LLC</b>	<span>+ Expand</span>
MIPS Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP	

## MIPS Participation

MIPS Eligibility:

INDIVIDUAL  GROUP

### MIPS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This clinician is not required to report because they are a Qualifying APM Participant (QP).

### MIPS REPORTING & PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

This clinician may voluntarily report traditional MIPS.

### APM Participation (1)

CHECK APM REQUIREMENTS

  a participant in 1 APM entity at this practice, and may need to submit data in this system as part of APM specific reporting requirements.

  LLC

### Clinician Level Information

Exceeds low volume threshold ?

Yes

Medicare patients for this clinician

Exceeds 200

Allowed charges for this clinician

Exceeds \$90,000

Covered services for this clinician

Exceeds 200

MIPS eligible clinician type ?

Yes

Enrolled in Medicare before January 1, 2025

Yes

### Practice Level Information

Exceeds low volume threshold ?

Yes

Medicare patients at this practice

Exceeds 200

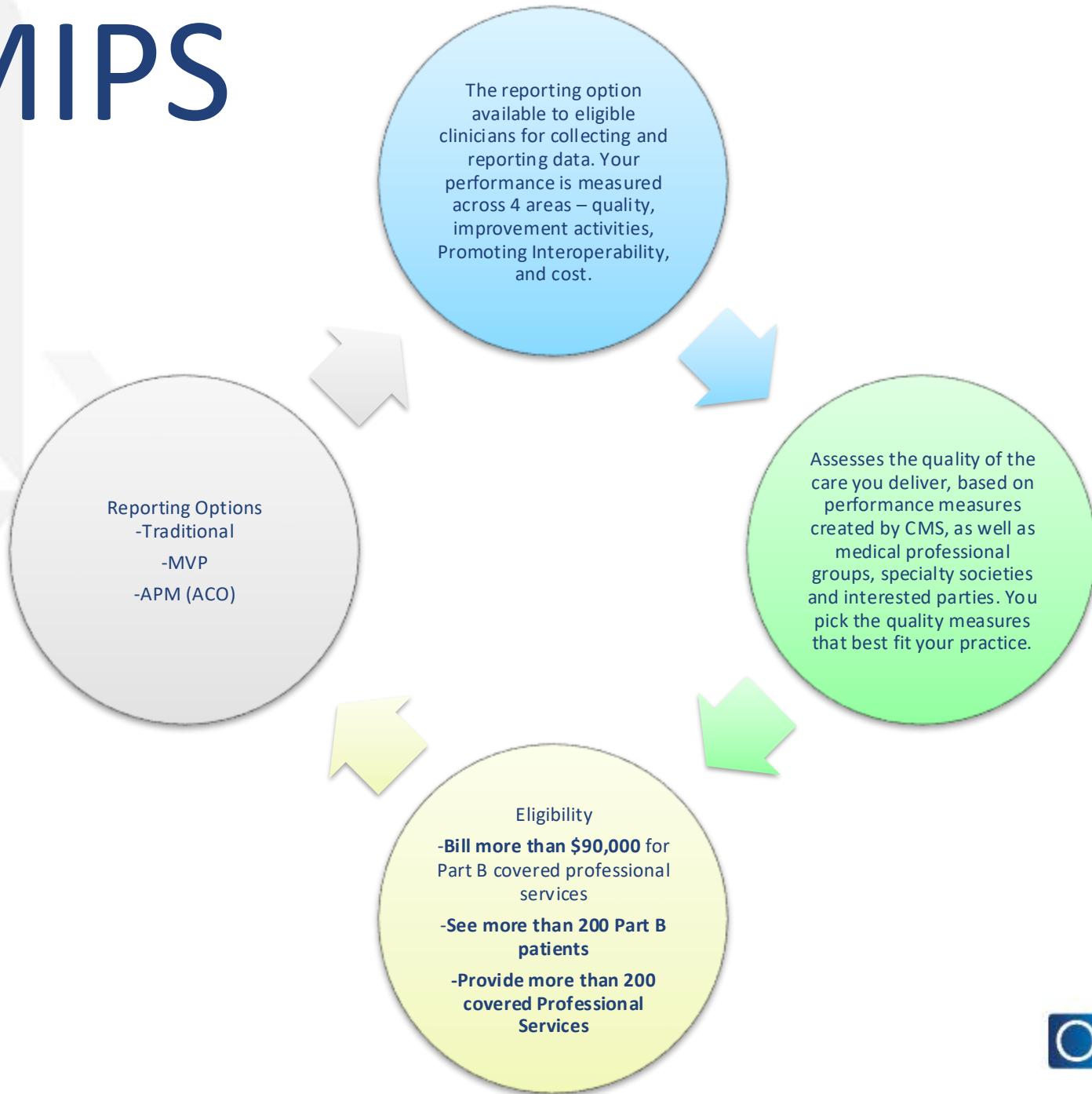
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# MIPS



# Weighting per Category



## Quality

- Trad MIPS 30%
- APM 55%
- APP 50%



## Cost

- Trad MIPS 30%
- APM 0%
- APP 0%



## Improvement

- Trad MIPS 15%
- APM 15%
- APP 20%



## Interoperability

- Trad MIPS 25%
- APM 30%
- APP 30%

# MIPS Quality Updates

2025 – 195 Quality Measures

2026 – 190 Quality Measures

  Addition of 5 new measures

  Removal of 10 measures

Substantive Changes to 30 existing quality measures.

# MIPS Quality Updates

## 2026 New Finalized Measures:

- Q513 Patient Reported Falls and Plan of Care – MIPS CQM
- Q512 Prevalent Standardized Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio – MIPS CQM
- Q514 Diagnostic Delay of Venous thromboembolism in Primary Care – eCQM
- Q515 Screening for Abnormal Glucose Metabolism in Patients at Risk of Developing Diabetes – eCQM
- Q516 Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Sustained Virological Response (SVR) – MIPS CQM

# Collection Types

Collection Types Remain the same for one more year

1. eCQMs
2. Medicare CQMs – **only available to MSSP ACOs**
3. MIPS CQMs
4. QCDR Measures
5. CAHPS for MIPS Survey
6. Administrative claims – **only small practices may use this collection type.**

# Collection Types

## Benchmarking Methodology for Scoring Administrative Claims-based Quality Measures

CMS updated the benchmarking methodology for administrative claims quality measures to **align with the benchmarking methodology for cost measures beginning with the CY 2025 performance period/2027 MIPS payment year.**

- The Median will be set at 7.5

# Traditional MIPS

- Select a minimum of 6 quality measures(including 1 outcome or high priority measure) from the complete MIPS quality measure inventory.

# Traditional MIPS Requirements

- 30% of Final Score

Can change if:

- Special Status
- Exception application
- APM Entity Participation

# MVP

- Select a minimum of 4 quality measures(including 1 outcome or high priority measure) from your chosen MVP
- Each MVP includes a subset of quality measures that best align with a given specialty or medical condition.

# MVP

- 2026 has 6 New MVPS
  - Diagnostic Radiology
  - Interventional Radiology
  - Neuropsychology
  - Pathology
  - Podiatry
  - Vascular Surgery

# MVP

- Modifying all 21 existing MVPs
- Groups will attest to their specialty composition
- Multispecialty small practices will still be able to report an MVP as a group
- Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) will have one year after a new MVP is finalized before they are required to fully support that MVP

# APM – Alternative Payment Model

- Performance is measured in 3 areas
  - Quality
  - Improvement Activities
  - Promoting Interoperability

[Quality Measures: APP Requirements - QPP](#)

# APM Quality Reporting

- 2 Quality Measure Sets
  - Existing APP Quality Measure Set
  - New APP Plus Quality Measure Set
    - CMS is incorporating additional measures into the APP Plus set.
    - Quality #113: Colorectal screening
    - Quality #484 Clinician and Clinician Group Risk

[Quality Measures: APP Requirements - QPP](#)

# APP Plus Quality Measure Set

Measure Name (Quality ID)	Performance Period	Measure Name (Quality ID)	Performance Period
<b>Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater Than 9% (Quality #001, previously named Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (&gt;9%))</b>	2025	<b>Clinician and Clinician Group Risk-standardized Hospital Admission Rates for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions measure (Quality #484, not included in the Adult Universal Foundation)</b>	2026
<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan (Quality #134)</b>	2025	<b>Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment (Quality #305)</b>	2027
<b>Controlling High Blood Pressure (Quality #236)</b>	2025	<b>Adult Immunization Status (Quality #493)</b>	2028 or the performance period that is one year after the eCQM specification becomes available, whichever is later
<b>CAHPS for MIPS Survey (Quality #321)</b>	2025		
<b>Hospital-Wide, 30-day, All-Cause Unplanned Readmission (HWR) Rate for MIPS Eligible MIPS Clinician Groups (Quality #479)</b>	2025		
<b>Breast Cancer Screening (Quality #112)</b>	2025		
<b>Colorectal Cancer Screening (Quality #113)</b>	2026		

# Quality Reporting

## Annually

Who (Submitter Type)	What (Collection Type)	How (Submission Type)	When
You (Individual, Group, Virtual Group, Subgroup, or APM Entity Representative)	Medicare Part B Claims Measures (small practice only)	Through your routine Medicare Part B billing practices	Throughout the performance period (must be processed by your MAC and received by CMS by March 1, 2026)
	eCQMs	Sign in to the <a href="#">QPP website</a> and upload a QRDA III file	January 2 – March 31, 2026
	MIPS CQMs	Sign in to the <a href="#">QPP website</a> and upload a QPP JSON file	January 2 – March 31, 2026
Third Party Intermediaries QCDRs or Qualified Registries	eCQMs  MIPS CQMs  QCDR Measures	Sign in to the <a href="#">QPP website</a> and upload a QRDA III or QPP JSON file  OR  Use the QPP Submission Application Programming Interface (API)	January 2 – March 31, 2026
CMS-Approved Survey Vendors	CAHPS for MIPS Survey Measure	Secure method outside of the <a href="#">QPP website</a>	In January 2026 - following data collection (standardized annual timeframe)

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# Quality Reporting

**Scoring: Up to 10 points** per measure, aiming for 60 points in total for the Quality category.

- Measures are scored based on performance compared to benchmarks, with some "topped out" measures having a maximum of 7 points.

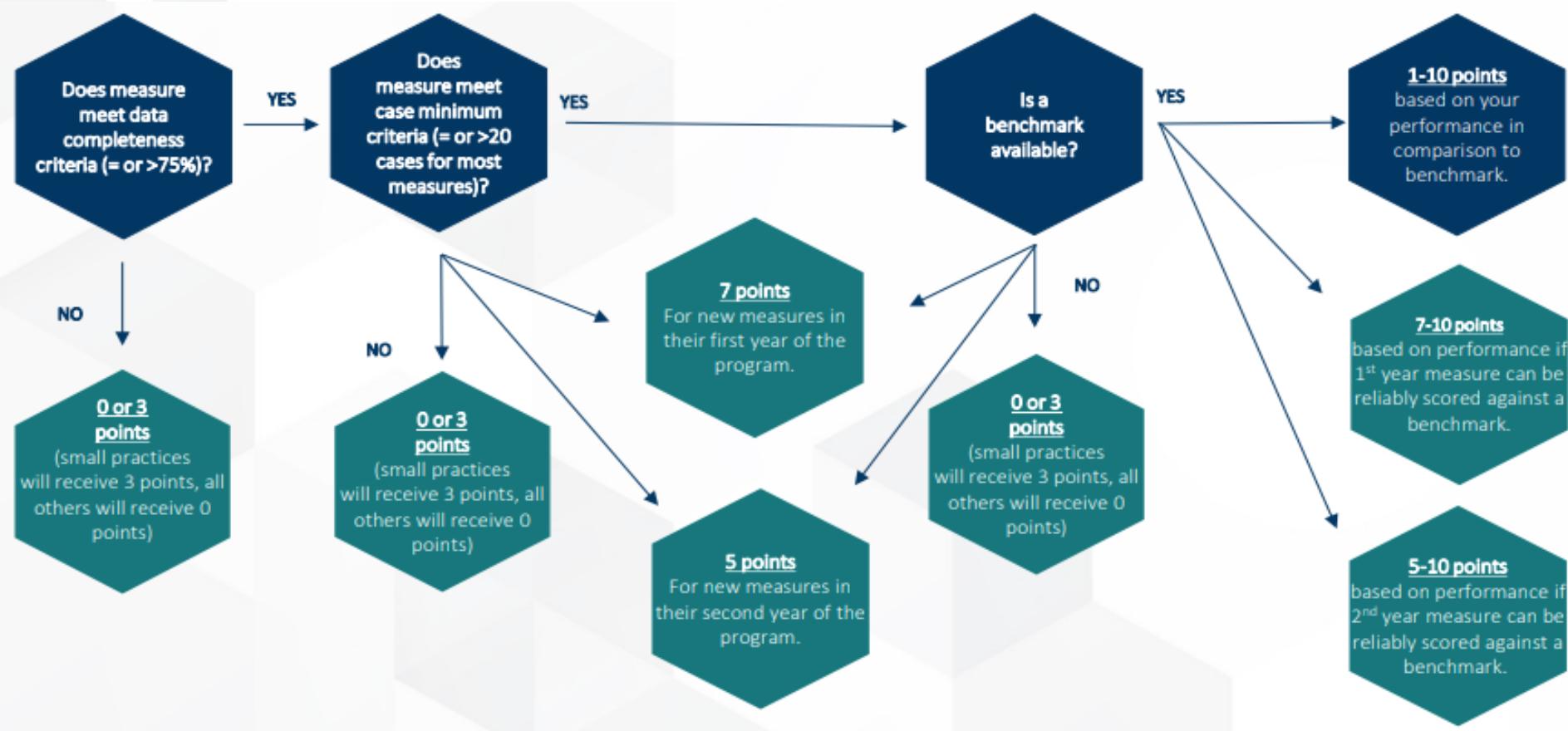
Quality is scored based on how they stack up against set benchmarks. For a measure to get a reliable score means:

- There's a benchmark in place
- It meets the case minimum
- Usually, 20 cases submitted per measure
- It fulfills data completeness requirements
- At least 75% of eligible patients/cases are reported

Bonus points are only available for small practices.

- Six bonus points will continue to be added to the quality per

# Quality Scoring



# Quality Scoring Example

eClinicalWorks 12  MIPS 

Individual Reporting Type: Individual Computation status: completed Data Set: 2025-01-01 To 2025-11-14 Select Provider CSV 

Code	Measure	Version Year	IPP	DEN + EXCL	NUM	NUM.EXCL	EXCL	DM	EXC	Perf.Not.Met	Perf.Rate (%)	ECW_AVG (%)	DECILE
130   Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record		2025		3993	3893	0	0	100	0	NA	97.5	85.22	3
134  Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan		2025		1936	1133	0	23	779	1	NA	59.26	44.73	1
236   Controlling High Blood Pressure		2025		579	464	0	8	1	0	106	81.26	65.96	9
CMS165   Controlling High Blood Pressure		2025	599	599	438	0	11		0	150	74.49	70.11	7
CMS2 Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan		2025	1936	1936	1097	0	23		0	816	57.34	40.55	6
CMS347A  Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease		2025	142	142	94	0	0		7	41	69.63	70.58	0
CMS347B  Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease		2025	120	120	83	0	0		3	34	70.94	62.80	0
CMS347C  Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease		2025	183	183	122	0	0		3	58	67.78	68.15	0

# Quality Reporting Data Management

## Standardize Data Entry Processes

- Establish clear guidelines for data entry to minimize errors. Consistent data entry methods lead to more accurate and reliable data.
- Regular Data Audits

## Periodically audit your data for accuracy and completeness. Regular audits help

- identify and correct errors in a timely manner.

## Training and Education

- Regularly train staff on the importance of accurate data collection and reporting.

## Prepare for Submission Deadlines

- Be aware of MIPS reporting deadlines and prepare your submission well in advance to avoid last-minute rushes that can lead to errors.

# Quality Reporting

## Tips

### Stay Informed

- Annually review each quality measure's specifications to confirm requirements haven't changed

### Prioritize High-Impact Measures

- Choose measures that enhance patient outcomes and offer high scores

### Optimize Current Performance

- Use historical performance data to identify strong areas and those needing improvement; select measures accordingly to demonstrate progress or strengths

### Relevance

- Before selecting measures consider your patient population and specialty.

### Report More Than Required

- CMS considers your top-performing measures

### Plan for Future

- Select measures aligning with long-term quality improvement goals

# Payment Adjustments

If you're eligible for MIPS:

- Your performance across the MIPS performance categories, each with a specific weight, will result in a MIPS final score of 0 to 100 points.
- Your MIPS final score will determine whether you receive a negative, neutral, or positive MIPS payment adjustment.

- **Positive payment** adjustment for clinicians with a final score above the performance threshold (75 points in 2022 – 2025 performance years).
- **Neutral payment** adjustment for clinicians with a final score equal to the performance threshold (75 points in 2022 – 2025 performance years).
- **Negative payment** adjustment for clinicians with a final score below the performance threshold (75 points in 2022 – 2025 performance years).

- Your MIPS payment adjustment is based on your performance during the performance year and applied to payments for your Medicare Part B-covered professional services beginning on January 1 of the payment year.
  - E.g., 2027 is the payment year for the 2025 performance year.

# Resources for Reporting

- [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\)](#)
- [Participation Lookup - QPP](#)
- [Resource Library – QPP](#)
- [Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\): 2025 Quality Performance Category Quick Start Guide](#)

# Questions

