

Countdown to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS):

Be ready when MIPS begins January 2017

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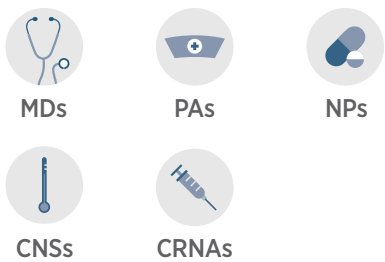
MIPS was created by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 to streamline multiple value-based programs including Meaningful Use (MU), Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and Value-Based Modifier (VBM).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Providers who have met a **minimum volume threshold** of Medicare Part B patients or payments.

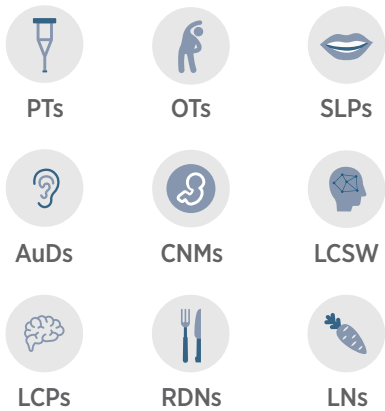
WHO QUALIFIES AS AN EP?

2017 & 2018 PERFORMANCE YEARS:



2019 PERFORMANCE YEAR:

In addition to those above,



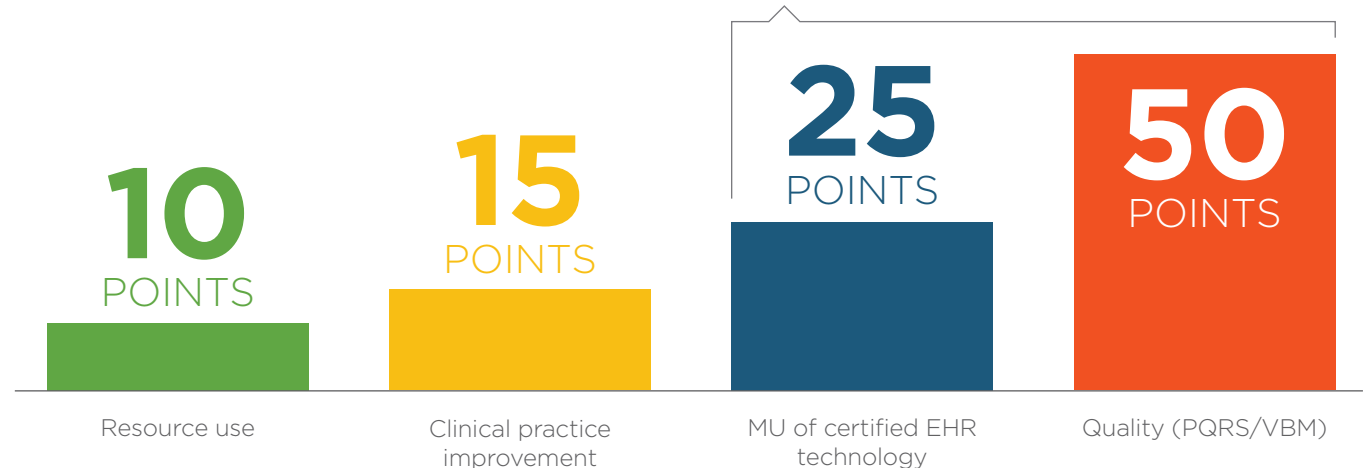
WHO IS EXEMPT?

- Qualifying APM participant
- Partial qualifying APM participant
- Doesn't meet the low volume threshold

HOW WILL MIPS BE SCORED?

Starting Jan. 1, 2017, Medicare Part B eligible providers (EPs) will be measured annually in four performance categories to derive a MIPS score between 0 and 100. That score will determine positive, neutral, or negative adjustments to each provider's annual Medicare reimbursement.

The four MIPS performance categories and associated point values for the 2017 performance year are:



\$ FINANCIAL IMPACT OVER TIME

PERFORMANCE YEAR	MEDICARE PART B PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT YEAR	MAX/MIN PERCENT MEDICARE PART B PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT
2017	2019	+4% incentive* -4% penalty
2018	2020	+5% incentive* -5% penalty
2019	2021	+7% incentive* -7% penalty
2020	2022	+9% incentive* -9% penalty

*Potentially up to 3 times these rates plus up to a 10% exceptional performance bonus

EVERY MIPS POINT COUNTS

CMS will set a performance threshold score each year that equals the mean or median of all EPs' MIPS scores from a prior period.

- Scores exactly equal to the performance threshold score = Zero payment adjustments
- Scores progressively above the threshold = Progressively increasing incentive
- Scores progressively below the threshold = Progressively increasing penalty

✓ ARE YOU READY FOR MIPS?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Do we understand the deadlines related to PQRS/VBM, MU and APM (Medicare ACO) decisions and how they impact future MIPS scores?
- Do we understand the reputational and financial impact of PQRS method and measures selection?
- Do our PQRS/VBM and MU program managers feel they have the resources, educational opportunities, and organizational support they need for our organization to be most successful in these programs and in preparation for MIPS?
- How are we calculating estimated incentives and penalties? How accurate are those estimates?
- How many of our providers have received a penalty letter for MU and PQRS/VBM and what was the total sum of those combined penalties?

If you would like to explore the financial impacts of MIPS using your own numbers, please visit our website and download the SA Ignite MIPS calculator.

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