The Physicians Advocacy Institute’s
Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP)
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MIPS Resource Navigation Tool
Additionally, visit the [QPP Resource Center’s FAQ section](#) to find answers to some questions you may have about the QPP, which are organized by topic to help you find the answer you are looking for. The different topics are: Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs); Advanced APM QP/PQ Thresholds; Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS); each of the four MIPS categories; MIPS APMs; MIPS Reporting; MIPS Payment Adjustment and Scoring; MIPS Participation and Eligibility; and the QPP in General.
What to Report for MIPS

Resources and organizations below provide information on the MIPS reporting requirements overall and for each of MIPS category.

Click on a box and it will redirect you to the resource or organization.

State Medical Societies & Associations
Offer resource centers and host webinars on the QPP. See page 9 of linked resource.

CMS Local QPP Support Organizations
Provide education and technical assistance for the QPP at no or low cost. See page 3 of linked resource.

QPP Support Organizations for Small, Underserved, & Rural Practices
See page 4 of linked resource.

PAI MIPs Pathway Resource Library
Category, reporting mechanisms and participation options, scoring overviews and assessments.

PAI MIPs Overview

PAI Practice Assessment for MIPS Reporting & Mechanisms

CMS-Approved Vendors
Ask your qualified clinical data registry (QCDR), qualified registry (QR), or electronic health record (EHR) vendor, what reporting capabilities they offer.

National Specialty Societies
Provide specialty-specific MIPS participation options for that specialty. See page 9 of linked resource.

CMS Resource Library
Official CMS resources on QPP.

CMS 2020 Quick Start Guide

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## How to Report MIPS Data

Need additional information on how to report data using the different reporting mechanisms, view the resources below. Click on a box and it will redirect you to the resource or organization.

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Who Must Participate in MIPS

Use the CMS NPI Lookup Tool to determine if you are exempt from MIPS participation.

CMS has identified a list of “eligible clinicians” who are subject to participation in the QPP; these include:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Osteopathic Practitioners
- Chiropractors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- Physical & Occupational Therapists
- Qualified Speech-Language Pathologists
- Qualified Audiologists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Registered Dietitians or Nutrition Professionals

Additionally, CMS has defined a list of “eligible clinicians” who may be exempt from MIPS participation:

- Newly-enrolled Medicare physicians who enroll in Medicare for the first time during the performance year
- Physicians below the low-volume threshold. Physicians who either:
  - Have Medicare Part B allowed charges ≤ $90,000, OR
  - Provide care to 200 or fewer Medicare Part B patients, OR
  - Provide fewer than 200 professional services under the Physician Fee Schedule
- Physicians participating in Advanced APMs

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MIPS Participation Options

Need additional information on reporting as an individual, group, or as part of a virtual group, see one of the resources below.

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PAI MIPS Pathway Resource Library
Category overviews outline participation options for each category.

Navigating the QPP
See Step 7 which outlines the considerations related to individual, group, and virtual group reporting.

PAI Reporting Mechanisms Overview

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PAI Practice Assessment for MIPS Reporting & Mechanisms

CMS Virtual Group Toolkit
Includes a Virtual Group Agreement Checklist and Template, an Overview Fact Sheet, and an Election Process Fact Sheet.

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How MIPS Scoring Works

The following resources provide additional information on MIPS scoring. Click on a box and it will redirect you to the resource or organization.

CMS Resource Library
Official CMS resources on QPP.

PAI MIPS Scoring Overview
Comprehensive resource that provides details about the scoring for each MIPS category and the comprehensive MIPS score.

CMS MIPS Scoring 101 Guide
Please note that this resource was developed for 2019 reporting so it does not include updated information but serves as general guidance for how MIPS scores are calculated.

PAI MIPS Pathway Resource Library
Category overviews outline scoring for each category.

PAI MIPS APM Scoring Overview
Provides details on the scoring standard used for MIPS APMs.

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