

The Colorado Quality Payment Program Coalition



Thursday March 26, 2020

March 22, 2020



- CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19
- CMS is implementing additional extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy exceptions and extensions for upcoming measure reporting and data submission deadlines for the following CMS programs:

Provider Quality Programs



Provider Programs	2019 Data Submission	2020 Data Submission
<p>Quality Payment Program - Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)</p> <p>Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)</p>	<p>Deadline extended from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020.</p> <p>MIPS eligible clinicians who have not submitted any MIPS data by April 30, 2020 will qualify for the automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy and will receive a neutral payment adjustment for the 2021 MIPS payment year.</p>	<p>CMS is evaluating options for providing relief around participation and data submission for 2020.</p>

Hospital Quality Programs



- For those programs with data submission deadlines in April and May 2020, submission of those data will be optional, based on the facility's choice to report.
- In addition, no data reflecting services provided January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 will be used in CMS's calculations for the Medicare quality reporting and value-based purchasing programs.
- This is being done to reduce the data collection and reporting burden on providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2019 MIPS Data Submission Update



- 2019 MIPS Data Submission Deadline Extended to April 30, 2020, 8 pm EDT.
- EC that submit data for two or more performance categories by April 30th will be scored and receive a 2021 payment adjustment. ECs can revise previously submitted data &/or make changes by logging into the program website before the new deadline.

Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Update



- MIPS eligible clinicians who do not submit their MIPS data by the April 30 deadline will qualify for the 2019 automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy and receive a neutral payment adjustment in 2021 payment year.
- No additional action is required to qualify for this automatic extreme & uncontrollable circumstances policy.
- Subscribe to the Quality Payment Program list serv for updates on the most current program information.
- CMS will continue monitoring the situation & assess options for bringing additional relief to clinicians & their staff.

QPP Feedback



- Help shape the future of QPP by participating in user feedback sessions. Send us an email to sign up; QPPUserResearch@cms.hhs.gov

QPP Resource Updates



- [2019 Promoting Interoperability Measure Specifications](#) Updated 03/23/2020
- [2020 Promoting Interoperability Measure Specifications](#) Updated 03/23/2020
- [Quality Payment Program Access User Guide](#) Updated 03/23/2020
- [Web Interface Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents](#) Updated 03/19/2020
- [Clinical Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents](#) Updated 03/19/2020
- [2020 Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents](#) Updated 03/19/2020
- [2020 Qualified Registries Qualified Posting](#) Updated 03/18/2020
- [2019 Qualified Registries Qualified Posting](#) Updated 03/18/2020
- [2019 Qualified Clinical Data Registries \(QCDRs\) Qualified Posting](#) Updated 03/18/2020
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Quick Start Guides



- [2020 MIPS Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Eligibility and Participation Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Quality Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Promoting Interoperability Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Improvement Activities Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Cost Quick Start Guide](#)
- [2020 Part B Claims Reporting Quick Start Guide](#)

Resources: CMS QPP website

General & Regulatory Resources; <https://qpp.cms.gov/about/resource-library>

Recorded Webinars and Upcoming Webinars;
<https://qpp.cms.gov/about/webinars>

Explore Measures: <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/explore-measures/quality-measures>

eCQI Resource Center; <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/>

APM Learning Systems; <http://innovation.cms.gov/>

Open Discussion & Questions



TMF COVID-19 Response

- With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the implications for all health care providers, TMF Health Quality Institute understands the seriousness of the situation and stands ready to partner with you to help minimize the effects of this crisis on your physician office.
- Please visit [TMF's COVID-19 resources webpage](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's webpage](#) for additional resources. TMF still plans to host our Quality workshop to assist your office with preparing to report.

TMF MIPS Workshop

Getting Started with the On-Demand Quality Workshop

Wednesday, April 1

Noon - 1 p.m. CT

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Telligen Resources

[Deep Dive Into MIPS Data Submission for Year 3](#)

This video provides an overview on how to successfully report Merit-based Incentive Payment System data for the Quality Improvement Activities and the Promoting Interoperability performance categories. It also provides answers to common questions surrounding MIPS data submission.

[Maximizing Your Performance in the Cost Category; Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices](#)

Registration is forthcoming. The events will be held:

- Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST
- Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CST

Telligen MACRA Minute; [Join the mailing list.](#)

Contact Telligen for Assistance

Telligen is still available to assist ECs with their 2019 data &/or answer questions related to 2020 requirements. Please contact us at 844-358-4021

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Stay tuned for our upcoming webinars the Fourth Tuesday:

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Next Webinar; April 28, 2020;