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# MIPS 2022 Updates & Impact

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# Agenda

- Program Updates
- Category Updates
- Scoring Updates
- Q&A



# Program Updates

1. Clinical social workers and certified nurse midwives will be MIPS eligible clinician types
2. Quality and Cost will be equally weighted at 30%
3. Scoring for complex patient bonus points will increase to a 10 points maximum (vs 5 points) and will be applied only to providers who meet 1 of 2 risk standards
4. Performance threshold increases to 75 points
5. Exceptional performer threshold increases to 89 points



# Category Updates - Quality

1. Elimination of Quality category bonus points for reporting additional outcome/high priority measures and end-to-end electronic measure submission
2. 4 New CQMS, including Risk-standardized Hospital Admission Rates for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions (administrative claims measure, only for groups over 16 clinicians)
3. 13 Deleted CQMs, including Falls: Risk Assessment (Claims, MIPS CQM)
4. 87 Modified CQMs, including 9 substantive changes that will remove historical benchmarks
5. New quality measures will have a 7-point floor for their first year in the program, and a 5-point floor for their second year in the program
  - New measures that can be scored against a benchmark will earn 5 – 10 points

Download list of new and deleted measures at:

<https://www.medicaladvantage.com/blog/2022-mips-quality-measures-resources/>



# Category Updates - Cost

## 1. 5 new episode-based measures:

- Melanoma Resection
- Colon and Rectal Resection
- Sepsis acute inpatient
- Diabetes chronic condition
- Asthma/COPD chronic condition

Download information on Cost measures at the QPP Resource Library - <https://qpp.cms.gov/resources/resource-library>



# Category Updates – Promoting Interoperability

1. New automatic category re-weighting for small practices
  - When PI is reweighted, those 25 points will be redistributed - 10 points to Quality (40% total) and 15 points to and Improvement Activities (30% total)
  - If Cost is also reweighted, overall MIPS Final Score weighting will be 50% Quality and 50% IA
2. Automatic reweighting for Clinical social workers
3. Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective now *requires* Immunization Registry and Electronic Case reporting unless an exclusion can be claimed
  - Attesting yes to any other type of registry reporting will earn 5 bonus points
4. New required attestation – provider or practice must attest YES or NO to completing an assessment of the High-Priority Guide of the Safety Assurance Factors of EHR Resilience Guides (SAFER Guides)



# Category Updates – Improvement Activities

- 7 New activities, including:
  - Create and Implement an Anti-Racism Plan (High weight)
  - Implement Food Insecurity and Nutrition Risk Identification and Treatment Protocols (Medium weight)
  - Promoting Physician Well-Being (High weight)
  - Implementation of a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan (Medium weight)
- 6 Deleted activities, including:
  - Regularly assess the patient experience of care (IA\_BE\_13)
  - Participation in CAHPS or other supplemental questionnaire (IA\_PSPA\_11)
  - Use of tools to assist patient self-management (IA\_BE\_17)
  - Implementation of condition-specific chronic disease self-management support programs (IA\_BE\_20)

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# Scoring Updates – Performance & Adjustment

Your Final Score for the 2022 Performance Period	Payment Impact for MIPS Eligible Clinicians in the 2024 Payment Year
0.00 – 18.75 points	-9% payment adjustment
18.76 – 74.99 points	Negative payment adjustment (greater than -9% and less than 0%)
75.00 points (Performance threshold=75.00 points)	Neutral payment adjustment (0%)
75.01 – 88.99 points	Positive payment adjustment (scaling factor applied to meet statutory budget neutrality requirements)
89.00 – 100.00 points (Additional performance threshold=89.00 points)	Positive payment adjustment (scaling factor applied to meet statutory budget neutrality requirements) AND

\*2022 is the last performance year for the exceptional performance adjustment





# Scoring Updates – Quality Changes & Impact

- Change 1: Elimination of bonus points for additional high priority/outcome measures and end-to-end electronic measure submission
  - Impact: Up to 12 points **decrease** on category score and 6 points **decrease** on final score
- Change 2: Category weighting reduction from 40% to 30%
  - Impact: Up to 10 points **decrease** on final score

	2021	2022
Quality Performance Points	42	42
Quality Bonus Points	12	0
Small Practice Bonus	6	6
Quality Category Score	60	48
Quality Weighted Score	40 (of 40)	24 (of 30)



# Scoring Updates – Cost Changes & Impact

- Change: Category weighting increase from 20% to 30%
  - Impact: Up to 10 points **decrease** or **increase** on MIPS Final Score

Example:

	2021	2022
Overall Cost Performance	50%	50%
<b>Cost Weighted Score</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>



# Scoring Updates – PI Changes & Impact

- Change: New optional HIE bidirectional measure (introduced in 2021)
  - Impact: Up to 40 points **increase** on category score and 10 points **increase** on final score

	2021	2022
ePrescribing	10	10
Patient Electronic Access	40	40
Public Health and Registry	10	10
HIE Sending SoC	5 (of 20)	n/a
HIE Receive and Reconcile	5 (of 20)	n/a
Optional HIE Bi-directional	n/a	40
<b>PI Category Score</b>	<b>70 (of 100)</b>	<b>100 (of 100)</b>
<b>PI Weighted Score</b>	<b>17.5 (of 25)</b>	<b>25 (of 25)</b>



# Scoring Updates – Complex Patient Bonus Changes & Impact

- Change: New “risk factor indicator” minimum thresholds
  - Impact: Up to 5 points **decrease** on MIPS Final Score for providers with lower risk/complexity patients
- Change: Double possible bonus from 5 to 10 points
  - Impact: Up to 5 points **increase** on MIPS Final Score for providers with higher risk/complexity patients
- Note: For 2021, total points available for all eligible clinicians will be doubled from 5 to 10 points



# 2022 MIPS Final Scoring Impact – Example 1

	2021	2022
Quality	38	22.5
Cost	13.2	19.8
PI	23	23
Improvement Activities	15	15
Complex Patient Bonus	7.96	7.96
<b>MIPS Final Score</b>	<b>97.16</b>	<b>88.26</b>



# 2022 MIPS Final Scoring Impact – Example 2

	2021	2022
Quality	46.75	35.75
Cost	12	18
PI	reweighted	reweighted
Improvement Activities	15	15
Complex Patient Bonus	1.89	0
<b>MIPS Final Score</b>	<b>75.64</b>	<b>68.75</b>



# 2022 EUC Exception

- CMS has released on the QPP portal that the Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC) hardship related to COVID-19 will be continued for 2022
- There is a strong probability that the EUC for COVID-19 will be *automatically* applied at the *individual clinician* (NPI-TIN combination) level
- Practices who plan to use the EUC hardship are *recommended to apply* for the EUC at the *Group* (TIN) level





# Questions?



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