MIPS Quality Payment Program Resource Guide

Purpose: To provide a desktop reference guide for recently updated or newly created QPP Resources.

Update Frequency: This document will serve as a living document updated monthly in conjunction with QPP Fast Facts for the Colorado Quality Payment Program Coalition.

Recently Updated or Created QPP Resources

- 2021 QPP Final Rule - Updates for QCDRs and Registries
  Created 02/25/2021
  Provides summary of changes which may impact Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) or Qualified Registries during the 2021 and/or future MIPS performance periods.

- 2020 MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Application Resources
  Updated 02/25/2021
  This resource provides information about the 2020 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances policy and a guide for submitting an Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Exception application.

- 2020 MIPS Automatic Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policy
  Updated 02/25/2021
  This document addresses the automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy as it applies to MIPS eligible clinicians affected by natural disasters in 2020.

- Quality Payment Program COVID-19 Response
  Updated 02/25/2021
  Provides information about changes to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) in response to the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and answers frequently asked questions.

- 2021 APM Performance Pathway Quick Start Guide
  Updated 02/23/2021
  This guide aims to help MIPS APM participants (Individual, Group, or APM Entity) know what steps to take during the 2021 Performance Year in preparation for the 2022 submission Period.

- 2021 Quality Quick Start Guide
  Updated 02/12/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Quality performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period.

- **2020 Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) Qualified Posting**
  Updated 02/12/2021
  Provides a list of the 2020 Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

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- **MIPS Value Pathways Diagrams**
  Updated 02/12/2021
  This zip file contains three visual diagrams of the proposed Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Value Pathways (MVPs) framework, including an MVP example for Diabetes Prevention and Treatment and an example for Major Surgery.

- **2021 Call for Measures and Activities**
  Updated 02/11/2021
  Provides details about the 2021 Annual Call for Measures and Activities process for submitting measures and improvement activities for possible inclusion in the Quality Payment Program (QPP).

- **2021 Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) Specifications**
  Created 02/11/2021
  Links to the 2021 eCQM specifications available for MIPS eligible clinicians, as posted on the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center.

- **2021 QRDA III Implementation Guide**
  Created 02/11/2021
  Links to the Quality Reporting Data Architecture (QRDA) page of the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center where you can find the 2021 QRDA III Implementation Guide for Eligible Clinicians and Eligible Professionals.

- **2021 Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) Implementation Checklist and Resources**
  Created 02/11/2021
  Links to the Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) Resource Center, and the 2021 eCQM resources available for MIPS eligible clinicians including the Annual Implementation Checklist.

- **2021 Improvement Activities Inventory**
  Updated 02/08/2021
  Provides a complete list of the 2021 improvement activities and includes descriptions for each.

- **2021 MIPS Data Validation Criteria**
  Updated 02/08/2021
  Lists the 2021 criteria used to audit and validate data submitted for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance categories.

- **2021 APM Performance Pathway Reporting Scenarios**
  Created 02/08/2021
  This guide is intended to illustrate that APM participants who want to report their data through the APP but do not have an eligible patient population for all required measures due to their specific practice types will not be adversely affected.

- **2020 Suppressed MIPS Quality Measures**
  Created 02/05/2021
  This document provides a list of MIPS quality measures that will be suppressed for the 2020 performance period.

- **2021 Promoting Interoperability Measure Specifications**
  Updated 01/26/2021
  Provides a detailed overview of the requirements for the 2021 Promoting Interoperability performance category objectives and measures.

- **2021 MIPS Overview Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period.

- **2021 Eligibility and Participation Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started with determining their eligibility for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for the 2021 performance period.

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- **2021 Quality Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Quality performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period.

- **2021 Part B Claims Reporting Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians in small practices get started with using Medicare Part B claims to report participation in the Quality performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period.

- **2021 Improvement Activities Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Improvement Activities performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period.

- **2021 Promoting Interoperability Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Promoting Interoperability performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance year.

- **2021 Cost Quick Start Guide**
  Updated 01/15/2021
  A guide to help clinicians get started participating in the Cost performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) during the 2021 performance period. This guide can help APM participants who may be QPs in 2021.

- **2021 MIPS Eligibility Decision Tree**
  Updated 01/14/2021
  This resource will help clinicians determine if they are eligible to participate in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) track of the Quality Payment Program (QPP) in the 2021 performance period.

- **2021 Patient Facing Encounter Codes**
  Created 01/05/2021
  Lists the determinants used to assess the non-patient facing status of 2021 MIPS eligible clinicians.

- **2021 Quality Benchmarks**
  Created 12/31/2020
  Lists and explains 2021 benchmarks used to assess performance in the Quality performance category.

- **2021 APM Performance Pathway (APP) for MIPS APM Participants**

  12/30/2020

  This Fact Sheet provides an overview of the new reporting and scoring pathway for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who participate in MIPS Alternative Payment Models (APMs): the APM Performance Pathway (APP).

- **2021 MIPS Cost Measure Codes Lists**

  Created 12/30/2020

  Details the codes used in the specifications for each of 18 episode-based cost measures and the revised MSPB Clinician and TPCC measures in use for the MIPS Cost performance category in 2021.

- **2021 MIPS Summary of Cost Measures**

  Updated 12/30/2020

  This document provides a summary of cost measures in use for the MIPS Cost performance category in 2021, as well as measures under development.

- **2021 MIPS Cost Measure Information Forms**

  Created 12/30/2020

  Details the measure methodology for the 18 episode-based cost measures and the revised MSPB Clinician and TPCC measures in use for the MIPS Cost performance category in 2021.

- **2021 CMS Web Interface Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents**

  Created 12/29/2020

  Provides comprehensive descriptions of the 2021 CMS Web Interface measures for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality performance category.

- **2021 Clinical Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents**

  Created 12/28/2020

  Provides comprehensive descriptions of the 2021 Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality performance category.

- **2021 Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents**

  Updated 12/23/2020

  Provides comprehensive descriptions of the 2021 claims measures for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality performance category.

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