

Alternative Payment Models in the Quality Payment Program as of February 2018

The table below displays the Alternative Payment Models (APMs) that CMS operates. In the table, we identify which of those APMs CMS has determined to be Advanced APMs, unless otherwise noted. The information presented in this table applies the Advanced APM criteria adopted in the Quality Payment Program final rule to the current design of the listed APMs. We will modify this list based on changes in the designs of APMs or the announcement of new APMs.

To be an Advanced APM, an APM must meet the following three criteria:

1. Require participants to use certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT);
2. Provide payment for covered professional services based on quality measures comparable to those used in the quality performance category of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS); and
3. Either: (1) be a Medical Home Model expanded under CMS Innovation Center authority; or (2) require participating APM Entities to bear more than a nominal amount of financial risk for monetary losses.

We note that although no Medical Home Models have been expanded under section CMS Innovation Center authority, CMS applies a different Advanced APM financial risk criterion to Medical Home Models. In addition, the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), eligible clinicians participating in Medical Home Models automatically receive the full score for the MIPS improvement activities performance category.

The table also identifies which APMs are “MIPS APMs.” MIPS APMs are those that include MIPS eligible clinicians as participants and hold their participants accountable for the cost and quality of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. MIPS eligible clinicians in MIPS APMs have special MIPS reporting requirements and are scored using the “APM scoring standard.” Most Advanced APMs are also MIPS APMs so that if an eligible clinician participating in the Advanced APM does not meet the threshold for sufficient payments or patients through an Advanced APM in order to become a Qualifying APM Participant (QP), thereby being excluded from MIPS, the MIPS eligible clinician will be scored under MIPS according to the APM scoring standard.

APM List and Advanced APM Determinations Based on Final Criteria

APM	MIPS APM under the APM Scoring Standard	Medical Home Model	Use of CEHRT Criterion	Quality Measures Criterion	Financial Risk Criterion	Advanced APM
Accountable Health Communities (AHC)	no	no	no	no	no	no
ACO Investment Model (AIM)	no	no	no	no	no	no
Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Model 2 (BPCI)	no	no	no	no	YES	no
Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Model 3 (BPCI)	no	no	no	no	YES	no
Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Model 4 (BPCI)	no	no	no	no	YES	no
Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced Model (BPCI Advanced) ^{1,2}	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Payment Model (Track 1 - CEHRT)	no	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Payment Model (Track 2 - non-CEHRT)	no	no	no	YES	YES	no
Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model (LDO arrangement)	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model (non-	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES

¹ BPCI Advanced is scheduled to begin in October 2018, and participants will have an opportunity to achieve QP status, or be scored under the APM scoring standard for MIPS, starting in performance year 2019.

² APM Entities must include at least one MIPS eligible clinician on a Participation List in order to be scored under the APM scoring standard. Some eligible clinicians in BPCI Advanced may be Affiliated Practitioners, and thus not scored under the APM scoring standard. If those eligible clinicians are not QPs for a year, they may be subject to MIPS reporting requirements and payment adjustments for that year.

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LDO two-sided risk arrangement)						
Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model (non-LDO arrangement one-sided risk arrangement)	YES	no	YES	YES	no	no
Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) Model ^{3,4}	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Frontier Community Health Integration Project Demonstration (FCHIP)	no	no	no	no	no	no
Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model (HHVBP)	no	no	no	YES	no	no
Independence at Home Demonstration (IAH)	no	no	no	YES	no	no
Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations Among Nursing Facility Residents: Phase 2	no	no	no	no	no	no
Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Track 1+ Model	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Medicare Patient Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) Access Demonstration Project	no	no	no	no	no	no
Maryland All-Payer Hospital Model	no	no	no	no	YES	no

³ Dual participants in CPC+ and the Medicare Shared Savings Program will have their APM status determined by the Medicare Shared Savings Program track in which they participate, and not by CPC+.

⁴ For practices that begin CPC+ participation in 2018 with more than 50 eligible clinicians in their parent organization will not qualify under the Medical Home Model financial risk standard, and therefore will not be considered to be participating in an Advanced APM.

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Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model	no	no	no	no	no	no
Medicare Care Choices Model (MCCM)	no	no	no	no	no	no
Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative ⁵	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations — Track 1	YES	no	YES	YES	no	no
Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations — Track 2	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations — Track 3	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Million Hearts: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model (MH CVDRR)	no	no	no	YES	no	no
Next Generation ACO Model	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Oncology Care Model (OCM) (one-sided Risk Arrangement)	YES	no	YES	YES	no	no
Oncology Care Model (OCM) (two-sided Risk Arrangement)	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES
Part D Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Model	no	no	no	no	no	no

⁵ The Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative agreements are between CMS and state and health plan participants. For the capitated financial alignment model, CMS will assess agreements between health plans and health care providers as other payer arrangements under the All-Payer Combination Option.

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Pennsylvania Rural Health Model	no	no	YES	no	YES	no
Prior Authorization of Repetitive Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport	no	no	no	no	no	no
Prior Authorization of Non-Emergent Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Model	no	no	no	no	no	no
State Innovation Models — Round 1 (SIM 2) ⁶	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Innovation Models — Round 2 (SIM 2) ⁷	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI)	no	no	no	no	no	no
Vermont Medicare ACO Initiative (as part of the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model) ⁸	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	YES

⁶ SIM Round 1 has one remaining state grant that will end in April, 2018.

⁷ SIM Round 2 provides financial and technical support to 11 states to test and evaluate multi-payer health system transformation models. CMS will assess agreements between states and health care providers as other payer arrangements under the All-Payer Combination Option.

⁸ Vermont ACOs will be participating in an Advanced APM and a MIPS APM during 2018 through their participation in a version of the Next Generation ACO Model. We anticipate the Vermont Medicare ACO Initiative will separately be an Advanced APM and MIPS APM beginning in 2019.