



Merit-based Incentive Payment System Measures

for Orthopedists

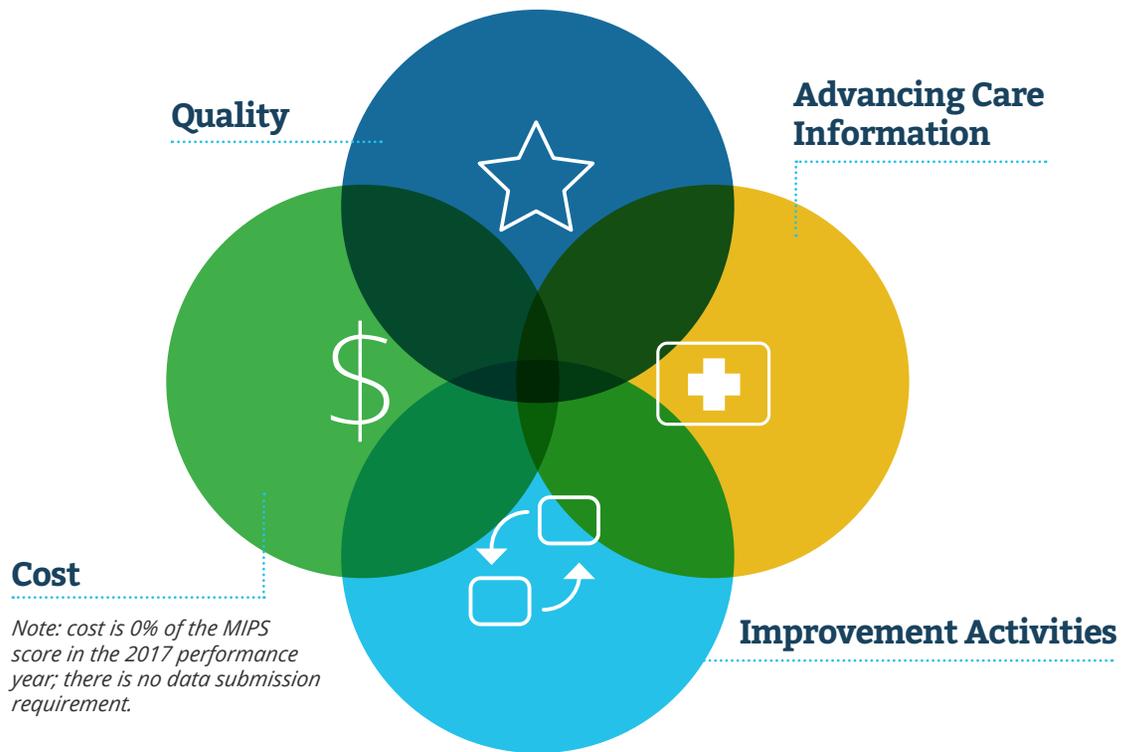
What is MIPS?

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) is one of the two tracks of the Quality Payment Program, which implements provisions of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

Visit QPP.CMS.GOV to understand program basics, including submission timelines and how to participate.

What are the Measures That I Must Submit to Successfully Participate in MIPS?

If you are participating in the Quality Payment Program through MIPS, you will be able to pick your pace the first year through three participation options—test, partial, and full participation. Your Medicare payment adjustment will be based on submitting data and your performance for the following MIPS categories:



What Measures Do I Submit for Each Category in 2017?

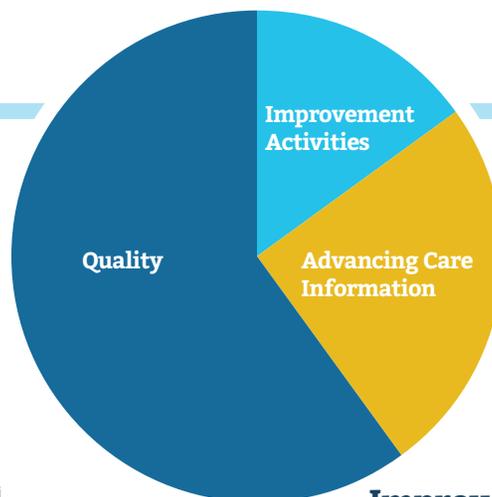
This resource provides a non-exhaustive sample of measures that may apply to orthopedics. Make sure to consider your reporting method, practice size, patient mix, and performance period to choose the measures that best suit you. See a full list of measures at QPP.CMS.GOV.



60%
of score

Quality Performance Categoryⁱ

Assess the value of care to ensure patients get the right care at the right time



15%
of score

Improvement Activities Performance Categoryⁱⁱ

Support care coordination, patient engagement, patient safety, population management, and health equity

- Transmit specialist reports
- Assess patients with osteoarthritis (OA) for function and pain
- Discuss and assess risks of a non-emergency surgery
- Avoid unnecessary imaging studies for patients with low back pain
- Complete venous thromboembolism prophylaxis on patients during perioperative care
- Perform baseline and follow-up functional status assessments on patients with primary total hip arthroplasty (THA)
- Perform baseline and follow-up functional status assessments on patients with primary total knee arthroplasty (TKA)
- Identify the prosthetic implant specifications in the operative report for patients undergoing a total knee replacement
- Administer prophylactic antibiotic prior to the inflation of proximal tourniquet for patients undergoing a total knee replacement
- Engage patients in shared decision-making about conservative therapy prior to a total knee replacement
- Perform venous thromboembolic and cardiovascular risk evaluation(s) on patients prior to a total knee replacement
- Select either a first or second generation cephalosporin prophylactic antibiotic during perioperative care

Clinicians choose activities they may participate in from among a [list](#). Some activities include:

- Communicate specialist reports back to referring clinicians to close referral loop
- Implement practice improvements for bilateral exchange of patient information
- Participate in regular training in care coordination
- Collect and use patient experience and satisfaction data to improve care
- Engage new and existing Medicaid patients
- Implement practice improvements that engage community resources to support patient health goals
- Implement improvements that contribute to more timely communication of test results
- Participate in a Qualified Clinical Disease Registry (QCDR)
- Implement care coordination agreements that promote improvements in patient tracking across settings

ⁱ 60% of final score for most MIPS eligible clinicians, unless they are in a MIPS APM

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25%
of score

Advancing Care Information Performance Category ⁱⁱⁱ

Support the secure exchange of health information and the use of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT)

The Advancing Care Information performance category score includes a base score, performance score and bonus score. Additionally, in 2017, there are two measure set options for reporting:

- Advancing Care Information Objectives and Measures
- 2017 Advancing Care Information Transition Objectives and Measures

MIPS eligible clinicians can report the Advancing Care Information objectives and measures if they have:

- Technology certified to the 2015 Edition; or
- A combination of technologies from the 2014 and 2015 Editions that support these measures

In 2017, MIPS eligible clinicians can alternatively report the 2017 Advancing Care Information transition objectives and measures if they have:

- Technology certified to the 2015 Edition; or
- Technology certified to the 2014 Edition; or
- A combination of technologies certified to the 2014 and 2015 Editions

MIPS eligible clinicians need to fulfill the requirements of all the base score measures in order to receive an Advancing Care Information performance category score. If the base score requirements are not met, they will get a 0 in the overall Advancing Care Information performance category score.

Orthopedists who are not designated as hospital-based or non-patient facing report on the following base measures:

- Security Risk Analysis
- e-Prescribing
- Provide Patient Access
- Send a Summary of Care and Request/Accept Summary of Care OR Health Information Exchange

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25%
of score

Advancing Care Information Performance Category *(continued)*

The performance score is calculated by using the numerators and denominators submitted for the specified measures included in the performance score, or for one measure (Immunization Registry Reporting measure), by the yes answer submitted.

MIPS eligible clinicians can earn bonus percentage points by doing the following:

- Reporting “yes” to 1 or more additional public health and clinical data registries beyond the Immunization Registry Reporting measure will result in a 5% bonus
- Reporting “yes” to the completion of at least 1 of the specified Improvement Activities using CEHRT will result in a 10% bonus

For more information on Advancing Care Information measures and requirements, see the Advancing Care Information fact sheet.



0%
of score

Cost Performance Category Helps create efficiencies in Medicare spending

- No reporting requirement in 2017 (measures are calculated based on Medicare claims data but will not be used to determine your payment adjustment in the first payment year 2019 of the program)



For more information and a list of Advanced APMs that may be right for you, visit: **QPP.CMS.GOV**

