What is reported for doctors and clinicians?

On Medicare.gov, we report:

- Practice information such as phone numbers, addresses, specialties, education/residency and board certification, telehealth indicator, facility affiliation(s), type and volume of procedures performed, and Alternative Payment Model (APM) participation.
- Performance information including a subset publicly reported MIPS measure-level star ratings and attestations.
- Practice information for clinicians in the National Downloadable File (NDC).
- Performance information including all publicly reported MIPS measures and attestations; benchmarks, scores, and denominators (as applicable); MIPS final scores and performance category scores.

How is doctor and clinician performance information selected for public reporting?

- Performance information for doctors and clinicians must meet public reporting standards:
  - Measures and attestations must be valid, reliable, accurate, and comparable as determined by an established set of quantitative and qualitative criteria.
  - To be listed on clinician or group profile pages, providers must have MIPS final scores and performance category scores.

BACKGROUND

Medicare hosts a tool that provides a web-based, single-source search-and-compare experience for people with Medicare and their caregivers to find information about doctors, clinicians, and other healthcare providers and settings. The Provider Data Catalog (PDC) provides researchers and other interested parties direct access to view and download data used on profiles.

COMPARE TOOL ENHANCEMENTS

From 2022 to 2024, CMS implemented numerous additions to doctors and clinicians’ profiles on the Compare Tool including procedure volume (2024), telehealth services (2023), and expanded facility affiliations (2022).

Procedures

Consumers expressed interest in procedure volume data which would allow them to understand a clinician’s experience with and knowledge of a given procedure. Expanding these data over time will enable compare tool users to better understand clinicians’ scope of practice and expertise level. This information allows people with Medicare and their caregivers to compare clinicians across an additional parameter.

Telehealth Service Availability Indicator

Adding a telehealth services flag was inspired by consumer interest, after telehealth appointments came into wider usage during the public health emergency. Including a telehealth services flag increased access to information on which clinicians offer telehealth services, particularly for patients with mobility or transportation challenges. As of March 2023, there are 227,299 clinicians with telehealth services availability listed on their profile page.

Facility Affiliation Information

Expanding published hospital affiliations to telehealth services (2023), and expanded facility affiliations (2022). From 2022 to 2024, CMS implemented numerous additions to doctors and clinicians’ profiles on the Compare Tool including procedure volume (2024), telehealth services (2023), and expanded facility affiliations (2022).