# Compare Tool: Procedure Volume, Facility Affiliation, MIPS Performance, and APM Participation

# Find & compare providers near you. Not sure what type of provider you need? earn more about the types of provider Find doctors & clinicians near me Find general information about doctors, clinicians and groups enrolled in Medicare. NAME & KEYWORD (optional) Street, ZIP code, city, or state Specialty, provider name, or group Compare Tool on Medicare.gov: Doctors & Clinicians Home health services

## BACKGROUND

Medicare hosts a tool that provides a web-based, single-source search-andcompare 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.

## What is reported for doctors and clinicians?

- On **Doctors and Clinicians profiles**, 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 of publicly reported MIPS measure-level star ratings and attestations.
- On the **Doctors and Clinicians section of the PDC**, we report:
- Practice information for clinicians in the National Downloadable file<sup>1</sup>
- 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, performance information (described in plain language) must also resonate with Medicare patients and their caregivers, as demonstrated through consumer testing.

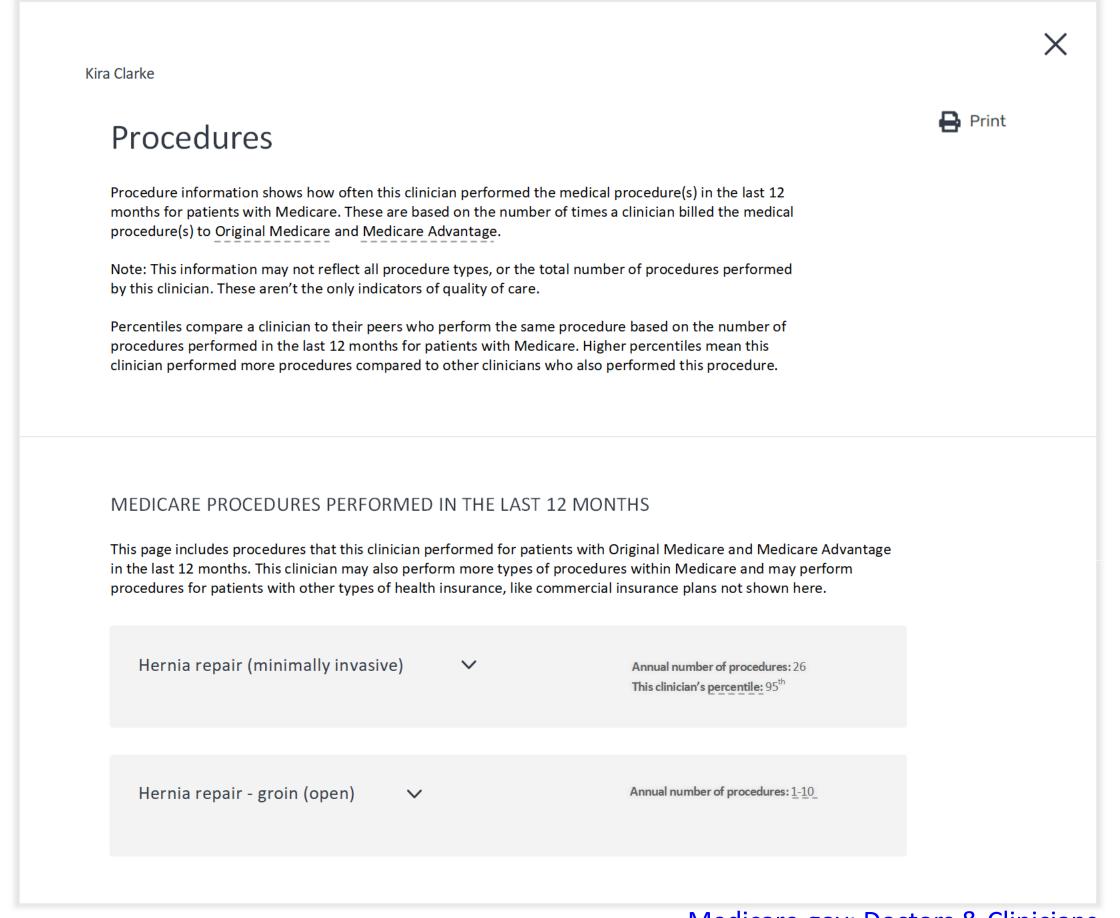
The Doctors and Clinicians national downloadable file is organized such that each line is unique at the clinician/enrollment record/group/address level. Clinicians with multiple Medicare enrollment records and/or single enrollments linking to multiple practice

### **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).

#### **Procedure Volume**

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.



#### **Medicare.gov: Doctors & Clinicians**

## **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 Morgantown, WV 26506-1200 access to information on which clinicians offer telehealth services, particularly for patients with mobility or transportation challenges. As of March 2024, there are 227,299 clinicians with telehealth services availability listed on their profile page.

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S Charges the Medicare-approved amount (so you pay less out-of-pocket)

Telehealth services

### **Facility Affiliation Information**

Expanding published hospital affiliations to facility affiliations allows patients to understand not just which hospitals a clinician is affiliated with, but other facilities such as nursing, or dialysis, which represent additional areas of care available. Prior to this enhancement's implementation, 748,525 clinicians had hospital affiliations. As of March 2024, there are 784,723 clinicians who have facility affiliations published.

**AFFILIATIONS** 

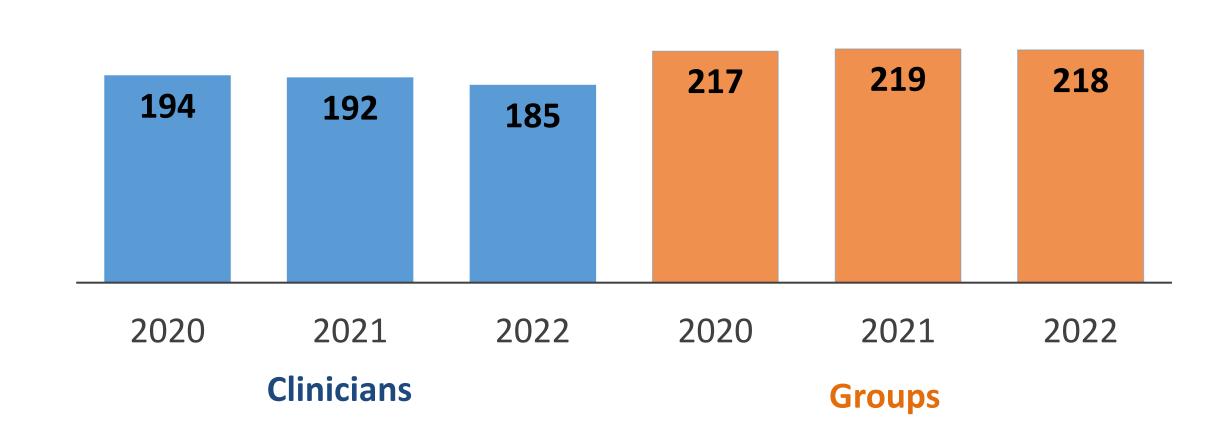
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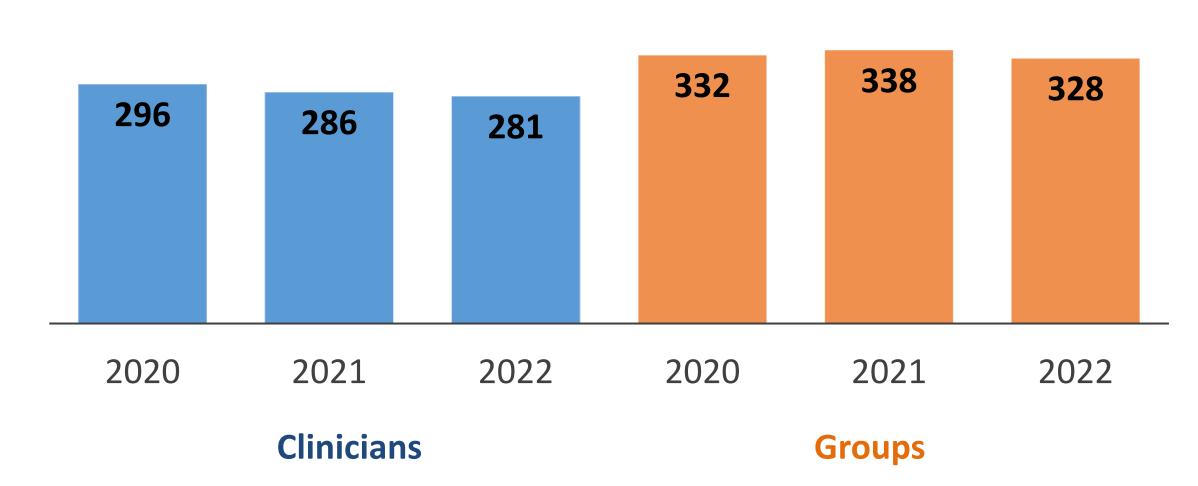
Long-term care hospital Cornerstone Hospital Conroe

# Publicly reported clinician- and group-level MIPS measures and attestations over time (performance years 2020-2022)

Medicare.gov<sup>1</sup>: Doctors and Clinicians



**PDC: Doctors and Clinicians** 



<sup>1</sup>Measures eligible for reporting on Care Compare are a subset for those eligible for reporting on PDC; in addition to the public reporting standards, measures must also resonate with consumers. Reliability is also evaluated independently each year.

Publicly Reported 2022 <sup>1</sup> MIPS Performance Information for Doctors and Clinicians	Medicare.gov Compare Tool: Doctors and Clinicians profile pages	PDC: Doctors and Clinicians section
Quality measures	✓	✓
Improvement activities	✓	✓
Promoting Interoperability measures, attestations, successful performer checkmark & information blocking indicator	✓	✓
Alternative Payment Model participation indicator	✓	✓
Facility-based clinician indicator <sup>2</sup>		n/a
Cost measures	n/a	n/a
Final scores and performance category scores	<b></b>	✓

<sup>1</sup>PY2022 performance data is pending release as of March 2024.

<sup>2</sup>Facility-based clinician indicator was not available in 2022 as hospital value-based purchasing was not scored in FY 2023 due to the public health emergency.









