2019 MIPS REPORTING PREPARATION
ATTESTATION FOR 2019: JAN. 2 – MAR. 31, 2020

RECHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY STATUS WITH THE QPP PARTICIPATION LOOKUP TOOL.
Updated MIPS eligibility for the 2019 performance period was released in November. Your CMS data has been reconciled from the two 12-month segments of the MIPS Determination Period.

MIPS ELIGIBILITY

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT! You can report as an individual or be included with the group under the group tax ID. CMS will use the highest score to determine your payment adjustment.

YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM REPORTING AS AN INDIVIDUAL; however, if the group (by tax ID) elects to report, your data must be included. A practice is never required to report as a group – this is an option.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT – you can do nothing in 2019 and still receive the standard Medicare reimbursement payable in 2021. However, you have options to take additional action.

• The “Opt-in Option” means that you are eligible to opt-in as an individual or with a group. By opting in you agree during attestation that your data will be reviewed and scored which means you may be subject to a payment penalty, or you may receive a payment bonus.

• You also have the option to “voluntary report” data. This means that you will not formally choose to “opt in” during attestation, but you will submit data and have it scored. You will not risk a payment penalty or have the option to get a bonus if you choose to voluntarily report.

OPT-IN OPTION: Opt-in eligible as individual and group

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## OPT-IN VS. VOLUNTARY REPORT

### IF YOU ELECT TO OPT-IN:
- ✔️ You will receive a payment adjustment (positive, negative, or neutral)*
- ✔️ You will receive performance feedback
- ✔️ Your data will be made available for public reporting on Physician Compare

*If you opt-in as a group, all MIPS eligible clinicians in the practice will receive a payment adjustment based on the group’s performance.

### IF YOU ELECT TO VOLUNTARILY REPORT:
- ✗ You will not receive a payment adjustment
- ✔️ You will receive performance feedback
- ✔️ Your data will be made available for public reporting on Physician Compare (unless during the 30-day preview period [in late 2020], you opt-out of having your data publicly reported on Physician Compare)

### WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
1. Understand your MIPS eligibility options for the 2019 performance period.
2. Confirm your decision (Opt-in or Voluntary Reporting) with others in your practice. Also determine if you will report through AOA MORE or the QPP website.
3. Have a [QPP HARP Account](#) and access. The QPP uses HCQIS Access Roles and Profile (HARP) system for credential management. You must have an account in order to submit MIPS data through the QPP
   - a. [Webinar tutorial](#) on creating a HARP account
   - b. You do not need a HARP account to submit MIPS data to the QPP through AOA MORE.
   - c. AOA MORE attestation portal will open in February 2020.

### WHEN THE REPORTING/ATTESTATION PERIOD OPENS ON JANUARY 2, 2020 AND YOU HAVE ELECTED TO OPT-IN OR VOLUNTARY REPORT THROUGH AOA MORE OR THE QPP WEBSITE:
1. **QPP** – Before you can submit any data or begin reporting, you must make your eligibility confirmation. Follow the steps outlined in slides 12 – 30 of the [MIPS 2019 Opt-in and Voluntary Reporting Election Process Guide](#).
2. **AOA MORE** – You will follow a similar election confirmation process within AOA MORE once the attestation portal opens in February 2020. Tutorials will be posted in January, and the AOA will offer a webinar and Office Hours sessions throughout the attestation period.

### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
The AOA MORE Support Team is here to help!
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