

# 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.

### MIPS ELIGIBILITY



**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.

### MIPS ELIGIBILITY



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

**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.

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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
4. Participating in AOA MORE? Check your AOA MORE dashboard in preparation for attestation.
  - a. AOA MORE will accept 2019 quality measures data through January 31, 2020.
  - 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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