2020 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality Performance Category Data Validation Information

*CMS is implementing multiple flexibilities to provide relief to clinicians responding to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic. Refer to the **Quality Payment Program COVID 19 Response Fact Sheet** for more information.*

This memo provides information to users looking for more information related to the 2020 Quality performance category's data validation criteria.

For the 2020 performance period, please refer to the Quality measure specifications and corresponding supporting documents within a collection type for the criteria used to determine the appropriate patient population (denominator) and quality action (numerator) for each selected quality measure. These documents should be used to provide the details required in order to validate the data submitted for the MIPS Quality performance category. Supportive medical record and coding (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System [HCPCS], Current Procedural Terminology [CPT], International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision [ICD-10], etc.) documentation maybe requested by CMS to support data validation. Coding applicable to each measure is provided in the 2020 Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications, Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) Specifications, eCQM Specifications, Web Interface Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents. The measure specifications and supporting documents are the best resource to use to validate data related to each quality measure.

The MIPS Quality performance category's quality measure specifications can be found on the Quality Payment Program Resource Library. Please select the appropriate zip file based on your collection type:

- 2020 Clinical Quality Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents

- 2020 Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents

- 2020 CMS Web Interface Measure Specifications and Supporting Documents

The eCQM specifications can be found on the eCQI Resource Center website.

For additional questions related to the Quality performance category, please contact the Quality Payment Program at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. ET).

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