2021 MIPS Data Validation – Improvement Activities Performance Category Changes

	Version History	
ID	**Activity Name**	**V1_2021 (2/19/21)**
General	N/A	Global Edits: Added an objective and clarified validation documentation within Column F; combined "Validation" in Column F with "Suggested Documentation" in Column G of the PY2020 Validation Criteria in order to remove duplication, streamline, and simplify; added definition of terms where needed for clarity; deleted Column K "Examples of Additional Activities" of the PY2020 Validation Criteria and, where applicable, incorporated information into Column F.
IA_EPA_1	Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real-time access to patient's medical record	Updates covered by global edits
IA_EPA_2	Use of telehealth services that expand practice access	Removed #2 suggested documentation element
IA_EPA_3	Collection and use of patient experience and satisfaction data on access	Updates covered by global edits
IA_EPA_4	Additional improvements in access as a result of QIN/QIO TA	Updates covered by global edits
IA_EPA_5	Participation in User Testing of the Quality Payment Program Website (https://qpp.cms.gov/)	Updated suggested documentation element flow from "and" to "or"
IA_PM_2	Anticoagulant management improvements	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PM_3	RHC, IHS or FQHC quality improvement activities	Updates covered by global edits

IA_PM_4	Glycemic management services	Removed annual assessment requirement from suggested documentation element #2 and included as its own component within the addition of #3
IA_PM_5	Engagement of community for health status improvement	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PM_6	Use of toolsets or other resources to close healthcare disparities across communities	Updated suggested documentation element #2 from Documentation of Steps to Documentation of Action Plans
IA_PM_7	Use of QCDR for feedback reports that incorporate population health	Added suggested documentation elements #1 QCDR Agreement and #2 Feedback Report
IA_PM_11	Regular review practices in place on targeted patient population needs	Changed suggested documentation element flow from an "or" to an "and/or" and added a 3rd option of a Peer Review
IA_PM_12	Population empanelment	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PM_13	Chronic care and preventative care management for empaneled patients	Removed suggested documentation element, Medication Reconciliation
IA_PM_14	Implementation of methodologies for improvements in longitudinal care management for high risk patients	Added example(s)
IA_PM_15	Implementation of episodic care management practice improvements	Added example(s)
IA_PM_16	Implementation of medication management practice improvements	Added additional detail and definition of medication management
IA_PM_17	Participation in Population Health Research	Combined suggested documentation elements #2 and #3
IA_PM_18	Provide Clinical-Community Linkages	Removed suggested documentation element, Demonstrated Link to Community Resources, added element #3 Measure and Monitoring, and added example(s)
IA_PM_19	Glycemic Screening Services	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PM_20	Glycemic Referring Services	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PM_21	Advance Care Planning	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements

IA_CC_1	Implementation of use of specialist reports back to referring clinician or group to close referral loop	Updated suggested documentation element flow from "or" to "and," and removed the certified EHR reference
IA_CC_2	Implementation of improvements that contribute to more timely communication of test results	Updated suggested documentation element flow and added examples
IA_CC_7	Regular training in care coordination	Removed the Note from the Validation and Suggested Documentation columns
IA_CC_8	Implementation of documentation improvements for practice/process improvements	Added an Outcome element to the suggested documentation and added an example
IA_CC_9	Implementation of practices/processes for developing regular individual care plans	Added example(s)
IA_CC_10	Care transition documentation practice improvements	Clarified the suggested documentation elements and added guidance to include at least 2 of 4 suggestions
IA_CC_11	Care transition standard operational improvements	Added example(s)
IA_CC_12	Care coordination agreements that promote improvements in patient tracking across settings	Updates covered by global edits
IA_CC_13	Practice improvements for bilateral exchange of patient information	Removed suggested documentation element #3 Structured Referral Notes and replaced it with Utilization of OpenNotes
IA_CC_14	Practice improvements that engage community resources to support patient health goals	Added suggested documentation elements #1 and #3
IA_CC_15	PSH Care Coordination	Removed suggested documentation element #2 Deploy Perioperative Clinic and Care Processes
IA_CC_16	Primary Care Physician and Behavioral Health Bilateral Electronic Exchange of Information for Shared Patients	Added example(s)
IA_CC_17	Patient Navigator Program	Updates covered by global edits
IA_CC_18	Relationship-Centered Communication	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements

IA_CC_19	Tracking of clinician's relationship to and responsibility for a patient by reporting MACRA patient relationship codes.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_1	Use of certified EHR to capture patient reported outcomes	Removed reference to using a certified EHR
IA_BE_3	Engagement with QIN-QIO to implement self-management training programs	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_4	Engagement of patients through implementation of improvements in patient portal	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements
IA_BE_5	Enhancements/regular updates to practice websites/tools that also include considerations for patients with cognitive disabilities	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_6	Collection and follow-up on patient experience and satisfaction data on beneficiary engagement	Added suggested documentation element #1 Report of Patient Experience and Satisfaction and added examples
IA_BE_7	Participation in a QCDR, that promotes use of patient engagement tools.	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements and added examples
IA_BE_8	Participation in a QCDR, that promotes collaborative learning network opportunities that are interactive.	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements
IA_BE_12	Use evidence-based decision aids to support shared decision-making.	Added informational URLs pertaining to shared-decision making
IA_BE_13	Regularly assess the patient experience of care through surveys, advisory councils and/or other mechanisms.	Added example(s)
IA_BE_14	Engage patients and families to guide improvement in the system of care.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_15	Engagement of patients, family and caregivers in developing a plan of care	Added example(s)

IA_BE_16	Evidenced-based techniques to promote self-management into usual care	Added example(s)
IA_BE_17	Use of tools to assist patient self-management	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements
IA_BE_18	Provide peer-led support for self-management.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_19	Use group visits for common chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes).	Added example(s)
IA_BE_20	Implementation of condition-specific chronic disease self-management support programs	Added example(s)
IA_BE_21	Improved practices that disseminate appropriate self-management materials	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements and added examples
IA_BE_22	Improved practices that engage patients pre-visit	Added suggested documentation element #3 Co-Creation of Visit Agenda
IA_BE_23	Integration of patient coaching practices between visits	Added example(s)
IA_BE_24	Financial Navigation Program	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BE_25	Drug Cost Transparency	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements and added example
IA_PSPA_1	Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_2	Participation in MOC Part IV	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_3	Participate in IHI Training/Forum Event; National Academy of Medicine, AHRQ Team STEPPS® or other similar activity.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_4	Administration of the AHRQ Survey of Patient Safety Culture	Added example(s)
IA_PSPA_6	Consultation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring program	Updates covered by global edits

IA_PSPA_7	Use of QCDR data for ongoing practice assessment and improvements	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements and added example
IA_PSPA_8	Use of patient safety tools	Added suggested documentation element #2 Evidence of measures tracked and added and streamlined examples
IA_PSPA_9	Completion of the AMA STEPS Forward program	Updated suggested documentation element flow from "and" to "or"
IA_PSPA_10	Completion of training and receipt of approved waiver for provision of opioid medication-assisted treatments	Removed suggested documentation element #2 Training
IA_PSPA_11	Participation in CAHPS or other supplemental questionnaire	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_12	Participation in private payer CPIA	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_13	Participation in Joint Commission Evaluation Initiative	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_15	Implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP)	Removed suggested documentation elements #5 Communication regarding ASP compliance and #6 Preparation or participation in payer audits
IA_PSPA_16	Use of decision support and standardized treatment protocols	Added example(s)
IA_PSPA_17	Implementation of analytic capabilities to manage total cost of care for practice population	Added example(s)
IA_PSPA_18	Measurement and improvement at the practice and panel level	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_19	Implementation of formal quality improvement methods, practice changes or other practice improvement processes	Added example(s)
IA_PSPA_20	Leadership engagement in regular guidance and demonstrated commitment for implementing practice improvement changes	Added example(s)

IA_PSPA_21	Implementation of fall screening and assessment programs	Updated suggested documentation element flow from "and" to "or" and added example
IA_PSPA_22	CDC Training on CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain	Changed the required completion of modules from all to 12 and added URL to the training
IA_PSPA_23	Completion of CDC Training on Antibiotic Stewardship	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_25	Cost Display for Laboratory and Radiographic Orders	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PSPA_26	Communication of Unscheduled Visit for Adverse Drug Event and Nature of Event	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements and added examples
IA_PSPA_27	Invasive Procedure or Surgery Anticoagulation Medication Management	Added suggested documentation element #2 Documented Discussion
IA_PSPA_28	Completion of an Accredited Safety or Quality Improvement Program	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements
IA_PSPA_29	Consulting Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Using Clinical Decision Support when Ordering Advanced	Added suggested documentation element #2 Demonstration of standardized use of AUC in daily patient care and added examples
IA_PSPA_30	PCI Bleeding Campaign	Added suggested documentation element #2 Implemented or Planned Adoption of Strategies and URL to the campaign
IA_PSPA_31	Patient Medication Risk Education	Added suggested documentation element #1 Examples of Education Provided
IA_PSPA_32	Use of CDC Guideline for Clinical Decision Support to Prescribe Opioids for Chronic Pain via Clinical Decision Support	Updates covered by global edits
IA_AHE_1	Engagement of new Medicaid patients and follow-up	Updates covered by global edits
IA_AHE_3	Promote use of Patient-Reported Outcome Tools	Added suggested documentation element #1 Promotion of PRO Tools and added examples
IA_AHE_5	MIPS Eligible Clinician Leadership in Clinical Trials or CBPR	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements

IA_AHE_6	Provide Education Opportunities for New Clinicians	Added suggested documentation element #2 Specific clinical rotations and additional information
IA_AHE_7	Comprehensive Eye Exams	Added suggested documentation element #1 Proof of eligible clinician/group type, updated and reorganized additional suggested documentation elements, and changed elements from "and/or" to "and"
IA_ERP_1	Participation on Disaster Medical Assistance Team, registered for 6 months.	Updated suggested documentation element #1 Details and confirmation of participation
IA_ERP_2	Participation in a 60-day or greater effort to support domestic or international humanitarian needs.	Updates covered by global edits
IA_ERP_3	COVID-19 Clinical Trials	Updates covered by global edits
IA_BMH_1	Diabetes screening	Added suggested documentation element #2 Documented Diabetes Screenings
IA_BMH_2	Tobacco use	Added suggested documentation element #3 Evidence of Cessation Interventions and removed the term 'co-occurring'
IA_BMH_4	Depression screening	Added suggested documentation element #3 Evidence of Depression Follow-up
IA_BMH_5	MDD prevention and treatment interventions	Added suggested documentation element #3 Evidence of Prevention and Treatment and removed the term 'co-occurring'
IA_BMH_6	Implementation of co-location PCP and MH services	Updated and reorganized suggested documentation elements
IA_BMH_7	Implementation of integrated PCBH model	Added suggested documentation elements #1, #3, #4 and #5
IA_BMH_8	Electronic Health Record Enhancements for BH data capture	Added suggested documentation element #2 Data Report, removed the certified EHR reference, and added example
IA_BMH_9	Unhealthy Alcohol Use for Patients with Co-occurring Conditions of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Ambulatory Care Patients	Added suggested documentation element #2 Evidence of Percent of Patients Screened and removed the certified EHR reference

IA_BMH_10	Completion of Collaborative Care Management Training Program	Updates covered by global edits
IA_PCMH	Implementation of Patient-Centered Medical Home model	Removed suggested documentation elements #1 Documentation of Implementation of Patient-Centered Medical Home™ activities and #3 Documentation of Continual Improvements and added additional information

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2/9/2021	Updated document format.
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