# Am I Eligible to Participate in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Track of the Quality Payment Program (QPP) in the 2019 Performance Period?

# Are you one of the following clinician types?

- Physician (includes: MD, DO (including Osteopathic Practitioners), DDS, DDM, DPM, OD, & Chiropractor)
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Clinical Psychologist
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Audiologist
- Registered Dietician or Nutrition Professional
- Also: groups of such clinicians

#### NO.

You are not eligible to participate in MIPS in 2019. YES.

Continue to the next question.

## Are you newly-enrolled in Medicare?

Did you enroll in Medicare for the first time during this performance period?

NO.

Continue

to the next

question.

#### YES.

You're not eligible to participate in MIPS in 2019.

But you could be included in 2020 so visit the <u>OPP website</u> to start preparing.

## Are you above the Low-Volume Threshold (LVT)?\*

Do you bill more than \$90,000 a year in allowed charges for covered professional services under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)?

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Do you furnish covered professional services to more than 200 Medicare beneficiaries?

YES.

I meet all

3 of those.

Continue to the next

question.

AND

Do you provide more than 200 covered professional services under the PFS?

### NO.

You're not eligible to participate in MIPS in 2019.

If you don't exceed any of the LVT elements, OR if you exceed one or two of the LVT elements, you can voluntarily report. To check your eligibility status, use the OPP Participation.

Status Tool.

If you exceed one or two of the LVT elements listed above, you can elect to opt-in to MIPS. You can check your eligibility status using the <a href="QPP Participation\_Status Tool">QPP Participation\_Status Tool</a>.

# Are you a Qualifying APM Participant (QP)?

Do you receive 25% of your Medicare payments through an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM)?

OR

Do you see 20% of your Medicare patients through an Advanced APM?

#### YES.

You're excluded from MIPS in 2019 because you are participating in the Advanced APM track of QPP.

#### NO.

You're eligible to participate in MIPS in 2019.

#### I DON'T KNOW.

Check your QP status using the QPP Participation Status Tool.

#### I'M A PARTIAL QP

You're excluded from MIPS because you're on the Advanced APM track.

As a Partial QP you can choose to report MIPS data. If you're interested in doing so, visit the QPP website to get started!



**NOTE!** For every performance year, we check eligibility twice so your status may change. The MIPS determination period for the 2019 MIPS performance period consists of the two 12-month segments outlined below:

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018 October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019

Be sure to use the <u>QPP Participation Status Tool</u> to check your eligibility status!



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## **Key Terms**

Low-Volume Threshold Elements – Beginning with the 2019 performance year, the low-volume threshold that applies to an individual eligible clinician, group, or APM Entity that, during the MIPS determination period, has allowed charges for covered professional services less than or equal to \$90,000, furnishes covered professional services to 200 or fewer Medicare Part B-enrolled individuals, or furnishes 200 or fewer covered professional services to Medicare Part B-enrolled individuals.

MIPS determination period means, beginning with the 2021 MIPS payment year, a 24-month assessment period consisting of:

- (i) An initial 12-month segment beginning on October 1 of the calendar year 2 years prior to the applicable performance period and ending on September 30 of the calendar year preceding the applicable performance period, and that includes a 30-day claims run out; and
- (ii) A second 12-month segment beginning on October 1 of the calendar year preceding the applicable performance period and ending on September 30 of the calendar year in which the applicable performance period occurs.

**New Medicare-Enrolled MIPS eligible clinician** means an eligible clinician who first becomes a Medicare-enrolled eligible clinician within the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) during the performance period for a year and had not previously submitted claims under Medicare as an individual, an entity, or a part of a physician group or under a different billing number or tax identifier.

**Partial Qualifying APM Participant (Partial QP)** means an eligible clinician determined by CMS to have met the relevant payment or patient count Partial QP thresholds for a year.

**Qualifying APM Participant (QP)** means an eligible clinician determined by CMS to have met or exceeded the relevant QP payment amount or QP patient count threshold for a year based on participation in an Advanced APM Entity.



### **For More Information**

- Review the About MIPS Participation and Individual or Group Participation web pages
- Download the 2019 MIPS Participation and Eligibility Fact Sheet
- Check out additional resources in the <u>QPP Resource Library</u>

