Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

2023 Facility-Based Measurement Quick Start Guide

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Purpose: This resource reviews when and how facility-based measurement is applied to a MIPS eligible clinician's final score.

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Hyperlinks to the Quality Payment Program website are included throughout the guide to direct the reader to more information and resources.

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Facility-based Measurement Overview

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What is Facility-based Measurement?

Facility-based measurement offers certain MIPS eligible clinicians and groups the opportunity to receive scores in traditional MIPS for the quality and cost performance categories based on the FY 2024 score for the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program earned by their assigned facility.

Individual MIPS eligible clinicians qualify for facility-based measurement in the 2023 MIPS performance year when they:

- Billed at least 75% of their covered professional services in a hospital setting (inpatient hospital (Place of Service (POS)=21), on-campus outpatient hospital (POS=22), or emergency room (POS=23)) between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022;
- Billed at least one service in an inpatient hospital or emergency room between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022; and
- Are assigned to a facility that receives a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score. **Note that we won't know if a facility has a FY 2024 score until late 2023.**

Groups qualify for facility-based measurement in the 2023 MIPS performance year when:

- 75% or more of the clinicians in the practice qualify for facility-based measurement as individuals; and
- The group is assigned to a facility that receives a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score. **Note that we won't know if a facility has a FY 2024 score until late 2023.**

Virtual groups qualify for facility-based measurement in the 2023 MIPS performance year when:

- 75% or more of the clinicians in the virtual group qualify for facility-based measurement as individuals; and
- The virtual group is assigned to a facility that receives a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score. **Note that we won't know if a facility has a FY 2024 score until late 2023.**

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Get Started with MIPS Facility-based Measurement in 3 Steps

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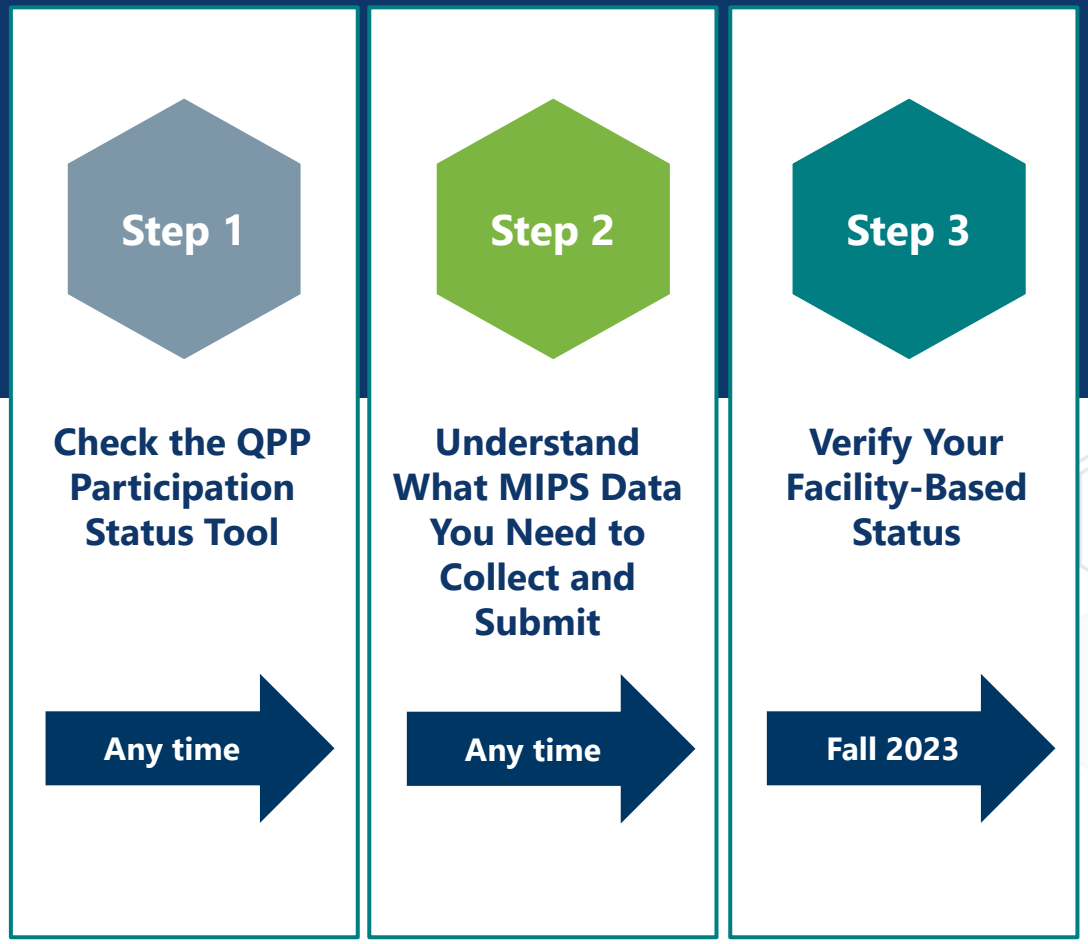
This guide outlines 3 steps to understanding whether facility-based measurement applies to you, and what it means for your participation in MIPS.



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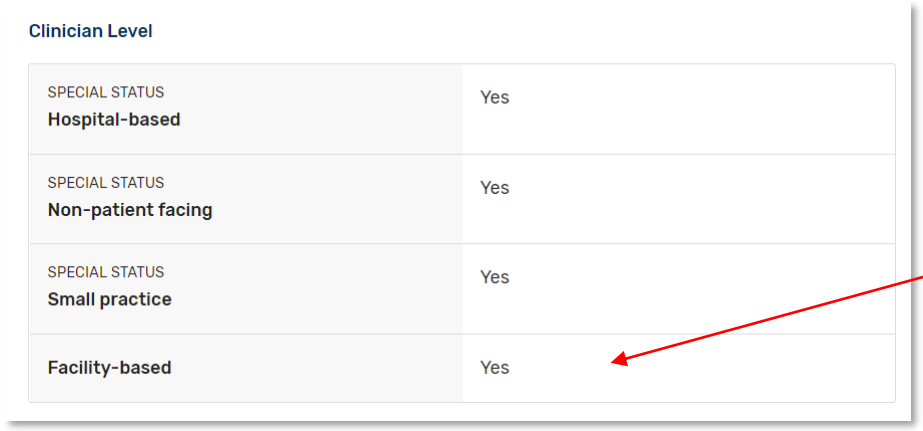
Step 1. Check the QPP Participation Status Tool

We've updated the QPP Participation Status Tool to identify facility-based clinicians and groups for the 2023 MIPS performance year. **The facility-based status is predictive until late 2023 when we determine which facilities have a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score.**

From the QPP Participation Status Tool, click **Expand Details** below your MIPS eligibility at a given practice, and scroll down to **Other Reporting Factors**, which provides information about special statuses at the "Clinician Level" and "Practice Level."



You won't see a facility name displayed until late 2023 when we determine which facilities have a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score.

Note: Virtual groups will need to sign in to the Quality Payment Program website to check for this predictive status, which can be done beginning in late February 2023 when CMS-approved virtual groups are loaded into QPP systems for the 2023 MIPS performance year.

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Step 1. Check the QPP Participation Status Tool (Continued)

What You Need to Know

1. We'll only identify you as facility-based if your assigned facility has the most recent Hospital VBP Program score available.

- **Important: We're continuing to use the FY 2021 score for this predictive designation. This remains the most recent score available since the Hospital VBP Program determined it wasn't appropriate to calculate FY 2022 or 2023 scores.** We can't confirm whether your assigned facility has a FY 2024 score, used for MIPS facility-based scoring in the 2023 MIPS performance year, until late 2023.

2. We don't evaluate MIPS eligible clinicians for facility-based measurement eligibility during the 2nd segment of the MIPS determination period.

- If you aren't identified as facility-based now, you won't become facility-based for the 2023 MIPS performance year when we update eligibility in December 2023.

Did you know?

The Hospital VBP Program didn't calculate FY 2022 and FY 2023 scores for the purposes of payment due to the effect of COVID-19 on measures in the program. These decisions were proposed and finalized through Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System rulemaking.

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Step 2. Understand What MIPS Data You Need to Collect and Submit

Facility-based clinicians, groups, and virtual groups whose assigned facility has a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score won't need to submit additional quality data if reporting traditional MIPS. FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program scores will be available in fall 2023 at the earliest.

Facility-based clinicians:

- Automatically receive quality and cost performance category scores as an individual based on their facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score, **even if**:
  - They don't submit data for the Promoting Interoperability or improvement activities performance categories; or
  - Their practice chooses to participate in MIPS as a group. In this instance, the clinician will get the higher of the 2 final scores – their individual final score from facility-based measurement OR the group's final score.

Facility-based groups and virtual groups:

- Must submit data for the improvement activities and/or Promoting Interoperability performance categories to be able to receive quality and cost scores based on their attributed facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score.

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Step 2. Understand What MIPS Data You Need to Collect and Submit (Continued)

Did You Know?

A facility-based clinician or group can choose to report a MIPS Value Pathway (MVP) or the Alternative Payment Model (APM) Performance Pathway (APP). However, the facility-based scores in the quality and cost performance categories will be attributed to traditional MIPS and won't be applied to quality and cost scores under the MVP or APP.

We'll create 2 final scores and assign the higher of the 2:

- 1 final score for MVP or APP reporting (based on the data submitted for the MVP or APP)
- 1 final score in traditional MIPS (based on quality and cost performance category scores determined by their facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score)

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Step 2. Understand What MIPS Data You Need to Collect and Submit (Continued)

We'll calculate 2 final scores and assign you the higher of the 2:

Final Score #1

- Quality and cost performance category scores in traditional MIPS based on your facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score

AND

- Improvement activities and Promoting Interoperability performance category score based on data you may have collected and submitted for traditional MIPS

OR

Final Score #2

- Quality, improvement activities and Promoting Interoperability performance category scores based on data you may have collected and submitted for traditional MIPS, an MVP, or the APP

AND

- Cost performance category score based on the performance we collect and calculate for you (if applicable)

If reporting traditional MIPS and you don't submit data for the MIPS improvement activities or Promoting Interoperability performance categories, you'll receive 0 points in those categories unless you qualify for reweighting.

- **Reminder:** To be eligible for facility-based scoring in quality and cost, **groups and virtual groups** must submit either improvement activities or Promoting Interoperability data.

Your MIPS quality and cost performance category scores in traditional MIPS, based on your assigned facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score, won't be available until final score preview is released in summer 2023.

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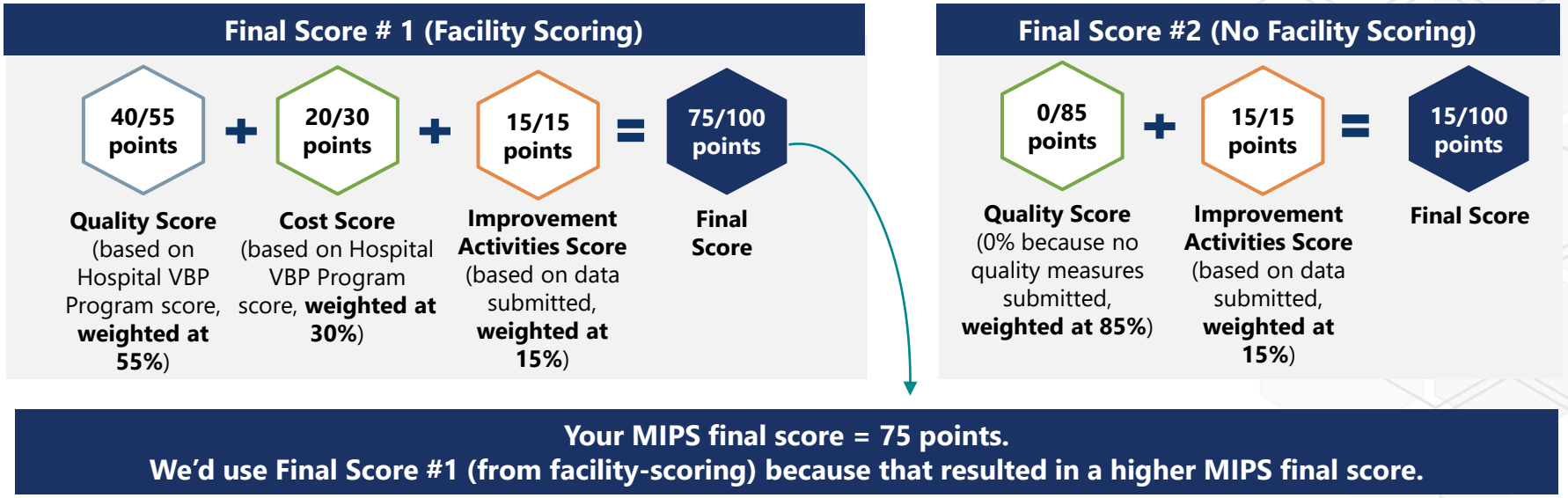
Step 2. Understand What MIPS Data You Need to Collect and Submit (Continued)

Let's look at 2 examples.

Example 1.

- You're not identified as a small practice.
- You're reporting traditional MIPS.
- You don't submit any MIPS quality measures.
- You qualify for automatic reweighting in the Promoting Interoperability performance category.
- You can't be scored on any MIPS cost measures.
- You attest to 2 high-weighted improvement activities, receiving full credit in this performance category.



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Step 2. Understand What MIPS Data You Need to Collect and Submit (Continued)

Example 2 (Small Practice).

- You're identified as small practice, and therefore qualify for a different redistribution policy when the Promoting Interoperability performance category is reweighted.
- You're reporting traditional MIPS.
- You don't submit any MIPS quality measures.
- You qualify for automatic reweighting in the Promoting Interoperability performance category.
- You can't be scored on any MIPS cost measures.
- You attest to performing 1 high-weighted improvement activity, receiving full credit in this performance category.

Final Score # 1 (Facility Scoring)

Quality Score (based on Hospital VBP Program score, **weighted at 40%**)

Cost Score (based on Hospital VBP Program score, **weighted at 30%**)

Improvement Activities Score (based on data submitted, **weighted at 30%**)

Final Score

Final Score #2 (No Facility Scoring)

Quality Score (0% because no quality measures submitted, **weighted at 50%**)

Improvement Activities Score (based on data submitted, **weighted at 50%**)

Final Score

Your MIPS final score = 79 points.
We'd use Final Score #1 (from facility-scoring) because that resulted in a higher MIPS final score.

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Step 3. Verify Your Facility-based Status

Facility-based clinicians, groups, and virtual groups should verify their facility-based status on the QPP Participation Status tool in late 2023.

Did you know?
- You can lose your facility-based status if your assigned facility doesn't have a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program Score.

What You Need to Know:

It's possible for a facility to have a FY 2021 Hospital VBP score, but not receive a FY 2024 Hospital VBP score.

This can occur if the facility doesn't meet one or more of the Hospital VBP Program's exclusion/eligibility criteria. Some examples of these criteria include:
- Hospital is subject to payment reductions under the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program.
- Hospital has an approved extraordinary circumstance exception specific to the Hospital VBP Program.
- Hospital didn't meet the minimum number of cases, measures, or surveys, as determined by program requirements.
- Hospital was cited for deficiencies during the applicable fiscal year performance period(s) that pose an immediate jeopardy (IJ) to patients' health or safety.

This can also occur when a hospital closes or otherwise has its CMS Certification Number (CCN) terminated, which can result from a merger between two facilities, or the transition from an acute care hospital to a critical access hospital (CAH).

Finally, this can occur if the Hospital VBP Program determines that it's not appropriate to calculate FY 2023 total performance scores.

If this happens:
- We'll remove your facility-based status in the QPP Participation Status Tool in fall 2023;
- You won't be eligible for facility-based measurement; and
- You'll need to submit quality measure data to MIPS (we will still calculate your cost measures for you).

If you have questions or concerns about your assigned facility's continued compliance with the Hospital VBP Program, please contact your hospital administrator.

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Facility-based Measurement FAQs

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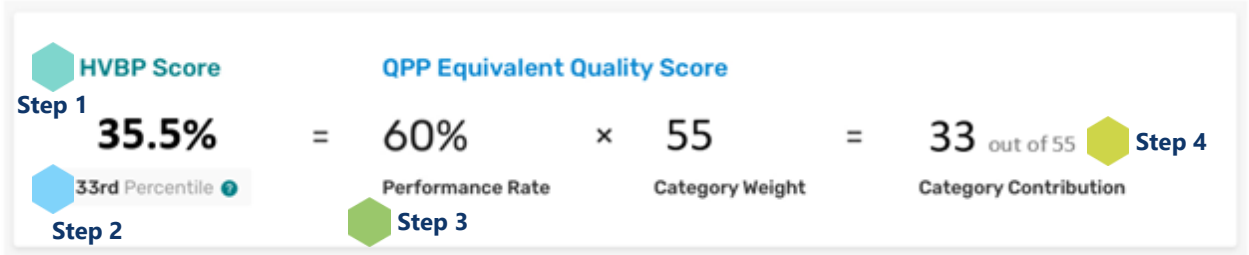
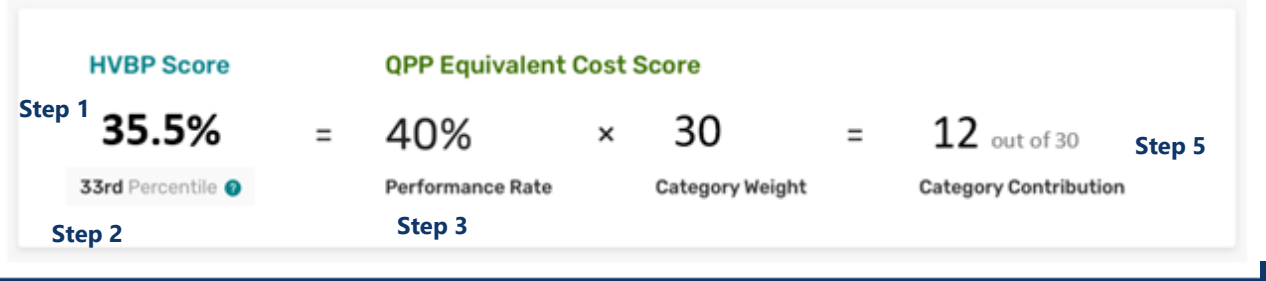
How Does Facility-based Measurement and Scoring Work?

Step 1: We'll review your facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score.
Step 2: We'll determine how your facility's FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score compares to all other facilities with a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score and arrive at a percentile.
Step 3: We'll review the range and distribution of unweighted 2023 MIPS quality and cost performance category percentile scores for MIPS participants and identify which 2023 MIPS quality (percentile) score and cost (percentile) score maps to the percentile associated with your FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score. Note that we won't assign a quality percentile score below 30%.
Step 4: We'll multiply the mapped 2023 MIPS quality percentile score by the 2023 quality performance category weight to determine the quality performance category points contributing to your final score.
Step 5: We will multiply the mapped 2023 MIPS cost percentile score by the 2023 cost performance category weight to determine the cost performance category points contributing to your final score.





NOTE: The performance category weights in this example reflect reweighting (to 0%) of the Promoting Interoperability performance category, since most facility-based clinicians, groups, and virtual groups also receive the hospital-based special status which qualifies them for automatic reweighting of Promoting Interoperability.

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Does the Small Practice Bonus Apply to Facility-based Scoring?
No. We won't add the small practice bonus to a MIPS quality performance category score derived from facility-based measurement.

Does Quality Improvement Scoring Apply to Facility-based Scoring?
No. We won't add improvement scoring points to a MIPS quality performance category score derived from facility-based measurement because the Hospital VBP Program already measures improvement.

Am I eligible for the complex patient bonus if I'm a facility-based clinician that doesn't submit data?
Yes. As finalized in the Calendar Year 2023 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule, facility-based clinicians receiving a final score from facility-based measurement are eligible to receive the complex patient bonus even if no data are submitted for a MIPS performance category.

Do "hospital-based" and "facility-based" mean the same thing?
No. In MIPS, "hospital-based" and "facility-based" have different definitions and reporting implications, but clinicians and groups identified as facility-based are often identified as hospital-based as well.

"Hospital-based" is a special status that affects your Promoting Interoperability reporting requirements. If you're identified as hospital-based on the QPP Participation Status Tool, you qualify for automatic reweighting of the Promoting Interoperability performance category to 0%. The 25% category weight will be redistributed to another performance category (or categories) unless you choose to submit Promoting Interoperability data. Learn more about the hospital-based special status.

What Happens if I'm Facility-based as an Individual, but Our Practice is Participating in MIPS as a Group?
We will use facility-based measurement to calculate quality and cost performance category scores for all individual facility-based clinicians. These scores will be based on the FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score of the hospital to which you are assigned as an individual. If your practice also participated as a group, we'll assign you the higher final score – your individual score (using facility-based measurement) or your group's score.

Facility-based Measurement FAQs

Facility-based Measurement FAQs (Continued)

I'm a Facility-based Clinician and No Longer Affiliated with the Facility I'm Assigned to on the QPP Participation Status Tool, but I am Still with the Same Practice. Am I Still Eligible for Facility-based Scoring at This Practice?
Yes. You're still eligible for facility-based scoring as long as your assigned facility has a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score. Even though you are no longer affiliated with the facility (in the 2023 MIPS performance year), you were assigned to that facility based on services you furnished between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022, which generally aligns with the FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program measure performance period. Please make sure you check the QPP Participation Status Tool in late 2023 when final MIPS eligibility is released to verify your MIPS eligibility at this practice and confirm that you're still identified as facility-based (which means that your assigned facility has a FY 2024 Hospital VBP Program score).

We have developed an indicator for public reporting to display on Care Compare profile pages if a MIPS eligible clinician or group is scored using facility-based measurement. This indicator is shown with an icon and plain language description and links to the relevant hospital profile page on Care Compare. This began with 2019 performance year data available for public reporting in 2021.

Does Facility-based Measurement Under MIPS Affect my Assigned Hospital's Payment Adjustment Under the Hospital VBP Program?
No. A clinician's MIPS payment adjustment is distinct from, and doesn't affect, any payment adjustment the hospital receives through the Hospital VBP Program.

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Where Can You Go for Help?

Visit the Quality Payment Program website for other help and support information, to learn more about MIPS, and to check out the resources available in the Quality Payment Program Resource Library.

Contact the Quality Payment Program Service Center at 1-866-288-8292, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. ET or by e-mail at: QPP@cms.hhs.gov .

Customers who are hearing impaired can dial 711 to be connected to a TRS Communications Assistant.

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Additional Resources

The QPP Resource Library houses fact sheets, measure specifications, specialty guides, technical guides, user guides, helpful videos, and more. We will update this table as more resources become available.

Resource	Description
2023 MIPS Eligibility and Participation Quick Start Guide	A high-level overview and actionable steps to understand your 2023 MIPS eligibility and participation requirements.
2023 MIPS Quick Start Guide	A high-level overview of the MIPS program, including an introduction to the 3 reporting options for the 2023 performance year: traditional MIPS, the APM Performance Pathway (APP), and MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs).

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