

2018 MIPS Quality Measures Impacted by ICD-10 Updates Effective October 1, 2018

What is the Policy for Identifying Impacted Quality Measures?

In the calendar year (CY) 2018 Quality Payment Program final rule (82 FR 53716), CMS finalized a process to stabilize measure data throughout the performance period when a measure is impacted by ICD-10 updates mid-performance period. ICD-10 code updates are effective annually on October 1st but quality measure specifications cannot be updated until the next MIPS program year. An annual review process was established to analyze and assess the quality measures to determine which measures are significantly impacted (determined by a 10% threshold) by ICD-10 code changes during the performance period.

CMS determines if a quality measure is significantly impacted by ICD-10 code updates by analyzing the 2018 measure specifications for ICD-10 codes that were deleted or added during the annual ICD-10 code updates, which occur on October 1st of the performance period. If a quality measure is impacted by 10% or more ICD-10 code changes, the performance score for the quality measure will be based only on the first 9 months of the 12-month performance period for those identified measures. The criteria to suppress performance data includes:

- Greater than 10 percent code changes in the measure numerator, denominator, exclusions, and exceptions
- Clinical guideline changes, new products, or procedures reflected in ICD-10 code changes
- Feedback on a measure received from measure developers and stewards

Which Quality Measures are Impacted for the 2018 Performance Period?

CMS has identified the following quality measures requiring performance data to be suppressed for the last quarter of the performance period. Performance data would be limited to the first nine months (Jan 1 – Sep 30) of the performance period:

Quality Number	Measure Title	Primary Measure Steward	Data Submission Method
137	Melanoma: Continuity of Care – Recall System	American Academy of Dermatology	Registry
138	Melanoma: Coordination of Care	American Academy of Dermatology	Registry



224	Melanoma: Overutilization of Imaging Studies in Melanoma	American Academy of Dermatology	Registry
440	Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)/Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC): Biopsy Reporting Time – Pathologist to Clinician	American Academy of Dermatology	Registry

What Do I Need to Do?

Since the impacted measures are available through the registry submission method, we encourage eligible clinicians to work with their Qualified Registries and Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs) to restrict the denominator eligible population of **only** the impacted measures to the first nine months of the 2018 performance period.

Where Do I Go for Assistance?

If you have questions regarding the ICD-10 impact analysis, please direct them to the Quality Payment Program for timely assistance. You can reach the Quality Payment Program Service Center by:

- Email: gpp@cms.hhs.gov
- Phone: 1-866-288-8292
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