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How To Use This Guide

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Getting Started

What to Expect During 2025 Submission

When you sign into the QPP website during the submission period, you'll see:

- Measure-level scores for the quality measures you've submitted to date, and a sub-total of points earned for these measures.
 - Note: You won't see administrative claims measures or the CAHPS for MIPS measure during the submission period.
 - These measures will be added to performance feedback when we release final scores in Summer 2026.
- Measure-level scores for the Promoting Interoperability measures you've submitted to date, and a sub-total of points earned for these measures. (Note that APM Entities won't see the Promoting Interoperability data submitted at the individual or group level.)
- The number of objectives you've reported completely for the Promoting Interoperability performance category.
- An indicator of any performance categories that will be reweighted, if applicable. (Note that APM Entities will only see reweighting that applies at the APM Entity level.)



What to Expect During 2025 Submission (Continued)

What can change after the submission period?

Several things can change between the close of the submission period and the release of final scores, most of which affect the quality performance category.

For example:

- Administrative claims quality measures are calculated
- The CAHPS for MIPS Survey measure is submitted to CMS

Learn more about how scores are calculated in the 2025 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide in the PY 2025 APP Toolkit (ZIP, 7MB).

When will our 2025 MIPS final score and 2027 MIPS payment adjustment be available?

Final scores will be available in Summer 2026. MIPS payment adjustments will be released approximately 30 days following the release of MIPS final scores.



What's New With 2025 Submissions?

There Are 2 APP Reporting Options

We've added a 2nd APP reporting option in 2025:

- 1. The (new) APP Plus quality measure set which is required for Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).
- 2. The (original) APP quality measure set.

Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Reporting (Quality Performance Category)

You must provide a CEHRT ID when submitting eCQM data for the quality performance category. For **detailed instructions on how to generate a CMS EHR Certification ID**, review pages 23-25 of the <u>CHPL Public User Guide (PDF, 1.21MB)</u>.

A **valid** CMS EHR Certification ID for the 2025 performance period will include **"15C"** (as it did in the 2024 performance period) **or "2025C"**.



What's New With 2025 Submissions? (Continued)

Electronic Case Reporting Measure Suppression (MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) temporarily paused electronic case reporting registration and onboarding of new health care organizations (HCOs) to establish a more efficient and automated onboarding process. As a result, some MIPS eligible clinicians may be unable to meet the electronic case reporting registration and onboarding requirements by the end of the 2025 performance period.

To avoid adverse consequences beyond the MIPS eligible clinicians' control, we're suppressing the Electronic Case Reporting measure in the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category for the CY 2025 performance period/2027 MIPS payment year.

The measure must still be reported. MIPS eligible clinicians will meet the measure requirements by attesting either "Yes" or "No" to being in active engagement with a public health agency or claiming an applicable exclusion. MIPS eligible clinicians who report the suppressed Electronic Case Reporting measure will receive full credit for the measure.



Before You Begin



Beginning with the 2025 performance year, there are 2 quality measure sets available under the Alternative Payment Model (APM) Performance Pathway (APP): the existing APP quality measure set and the new APP Plus quality measure set.

- Shared Savings Program ACOs are required to report the new APP Plus quality measure set beginning with the 2025 performance year.
- Review the PY 2025 APP Quality Requirements (Shared Savings Program ACOs Only) (ZIP, 12 MB)
- The existing APP quality measure set is no longer available to Shared Savings Program ACOs.

Only MIPS eligible clinicians who are also MIPS APM participants are eligible for a MIPS final score from APP Plus reporting.

- If your ACO includes MIPS eligible clinicians, these clinicians will receive a MIPS final score and MIPS payment adjustment.
- If your ACO includes MIPS eligible clinicians who don't appear on your ACO's APM Participant List, those clinicians aren't eligible to receive a MIPS final score and payment adjustment from the APP Plus.





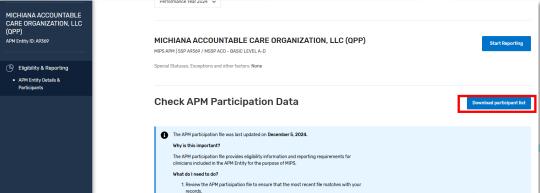
APM Entities <u>including Shared Savings Program ACOs</u> need to understand which clinicians in the APM Entity aren't eligible for the Entity's final score under the APP, and communicate this to their participating practices (e.g., <u>ACO Participant TINs</u>).

Step 1. Verify if any clinicians in the APM Entity are ineligible for the APP final score.

- a) Sign into the QPP website.
- b) Click Eligibility & Reporting from the left-hand navigation.
- c) Find your APM Entity.
- d) Click View APM entity details & participant eligibility (below the Start Reporting button).



e) Click Download participant list

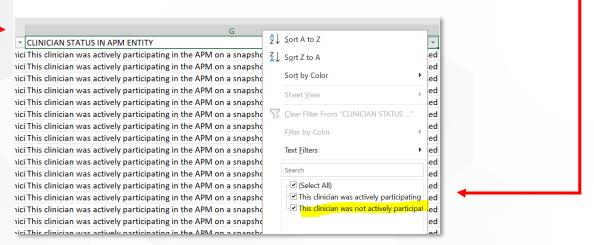






Step 1. Verify if any clinicians in the APM Entity are ineligible for the APP final score. (Continued)

- a) Add filters to the header row.
- b) Click the filter of the Clinician Status in APM Entity column (Column G).
- c) If you see the following message as an available value, then the associated clinicians aren't eligible for the APP final score.
 - "This clinician was not actively participating in the APM Entity on any snapshot date. This clinician is not eligible to report via the APP and will not be included in QP determinations. This clinician must report through traditional MIPS, unless otherwise exempt."





If there are any clinicians identified in Step 1h, please communicate this information to your participants (e.g., ACO Participant TINs) – see steps 2 and 3.

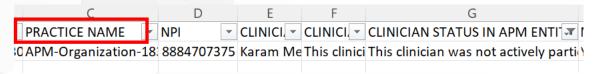
Why? Because they don't have access to this information.





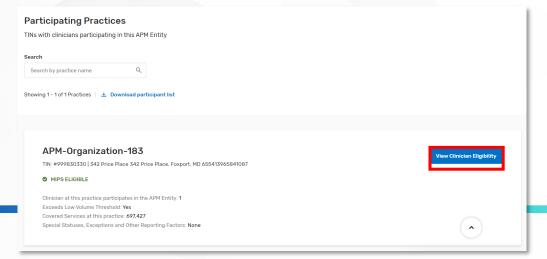
Step 2. Verify which participating practices include clinicians who are ineligible for the Entity's APP final score.

- a) Filter your list from step 1 by **Clinician Status in APM Entity** to only show those clinicians weren't actively participating in the APM Entity on any snapshot date.
- b) Note the **Practice Name(s)** associated with each affected clinician.



Step 3. Download reports for each affected practice identified in step 2b.

- a) From the **APM Entity Details & Participants** page, scroll down beneath "Participating Practices" to find the first affected practice.
- b) Click View Clinician Eligibility next to the practice's name.







- c) Click **Download clinician** list beneath "Participating Clinicians".
- d) Add filters to the header row.
- e) Click the filter of the **Provider Relationship** column.
- f) If you see the following message as an available value, then the associated clinicians aren't eligible for the APP final score.



• "This clinician was not actively participating in the APM Entity on any snapshot date. This clinician is not eligible to report via the APP and will not be included in QP determinations. This clinician must report through traditional MIPS, unless otherwise exempt."



- g) Share the file and information with a representative from the affected practice.
- h) Repeat steps 3a-g for each affected practice.





QPP Access:
APM Entity Representatives

APM Entity Representatives: APM Entity-Level Submissions

This information is for users with a Staff User or Security Official role for an **APM Entity organization**, identified by an APM Entity ID.

With this access	You CAN do this during the submission period	You CAN'T do this during the submission period	
	 ✓ Access a list of the practices (TINs) and clinicians participating in the APM Entity ✓ Submit a Partial QP Election (Security Officials Only) 	View the Promoting Interoperability data reported by clinicians and groups in your APM Entity	
Staff User or Security Official for an APM Entity	 ✓ View information about performance category reweighting at the APM Entity level from approved QPP exception applications ✓ Upload a file of APM Entity-level quality and/or Promoting Interoperability measure data (all APM Entities in MIPS APMs) ✓ View measure-level scores along with a sub-total of points for quality data submitted by or on behalf of the APM Entity ✓ View measure-level scores for Promoting Interoperability data submitted by or on behalf of the APM Entity (excludes data submitted at the individual or group level) 	 View feedback or scores for administrative claims quality measures or the CAHPS for MIPS measure (if applicable) View overall preliminary score or preliminary performance category scores 	





QPP Access: Practice Representatives

Practice Representatives: Individual and Group Submissions

This outlines information for users with a Staff User or Security Official role for a **Practice organization**, identified by Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

With this Access	You CAN do this during and after the submission period	You CAN'T do this during or after the submission period
Staff User or Security Official for a Practice (includes solo practitioners)	 ✓ Access information about eligibility and special status at the individual clinician and group level ✓ View information about performance category reweighting (including from approved exception applications) ✓ Submit data on behalf of your practice (as a group and/or individuals) • Includes Promoting Interoperability data for MIPS APM participants ✓ Submit opt-in elections on behalf of your practice (as a group and/or individuals) ✓ View data submitted on behalf of your practice (group and/or individual) ✓ View measure-level scoring for Part B claims measures reported throughout the performance period • This data will be updated during the submission period to account for claims received by CMS until March 1, 2026 • REMINDER: We'll only score small practices as a group if they submit data at the group level for another performance category) ✓ View measure and activity-level scores and a sub-total of points for the group and individual clinicians 	 View feedback or scores for administrative claims quality measures or the CAHPS for MIPS measure (if applicable) View data submitted by your APM Entity Example: If you're a Participant TIN in a Shared Savings Program ACO, you won't be able to view the quality data reported by the ACO View overall preliminary score or preliminary performance category scores





Accessing the System

Getting Started

To <u>sign in to the QPP website</u> and submit Performance Year 2025 data and/or view data submitted on your behalf, you need:

- An account (user ID and password)
- Access to an organization (a role)

If you don't already have an account or access, review the documentation listed below in the QPP Access User Guide (ZIP, 3MB) so you can sign in to submit, or view, data.

If you're working with a third party intermediary, make sure you sign in during the submission period to review data submitted on your behalf.

You **can't** submit new or corrected data after the submission period closes.

Resource in the Quality Payment Program Access User Guide	Description
	Information about the process for Shared Savings Program ACOs to get an account and role.
Shared Savings Program ACOs_ACO-MS User Access	Representatives of Shared Savings Program ACOs who are the ACO's QPP Security Official or QPP Staff User contact in the ACO Management System (ACO-MS) can sign in to the QPP website using their ACO-MS username and password.
QPP Access At A Glance	An overview of the steps needed to access your organization on the QPP website.
Step 1. Register for a HARP Account	Step-by-step instructions and screenshots for creating a HARP account (completed on the HARP website).
Step 2a. Connect to an Organization	Step-by-step instructions and screenshots for requesting a role for your organization (completed on the OPP website).

Before You Begin

Make sure you are using the most recent version of your browser:

- Chrome
- Edge

Internet Explorer, Safari, and Firefox aren't fully supported by QPP.



Sign in to the QPP Website

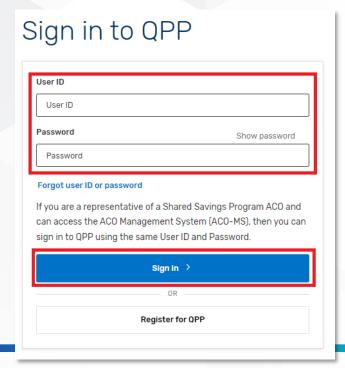
Go to the QPP website and click Sign In on the upper right-hand corner.

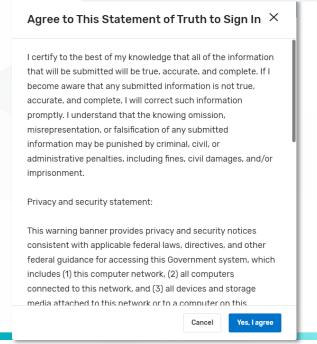
- Enter your User ID and Password, and click **Sign In**.
- Check Yes, I agree next to the Statement of Truth.

Then, you will be prompted to provide a **security code** from your two-factor authentication.

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All screenshots include fictitious patients and organizations.
Screenshots were captured from a test environment, so there may be slight variations between the screenshots included in this guide (including dates) and the user interface in the production system

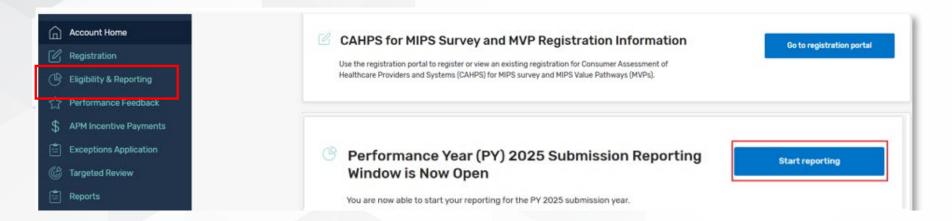






Sign in to the QPP Website (Continued)

Once signed in, you can click **Eligibility & Reporting** from the left-hand navigation or the **Start Reporting** button on the right side of the page.

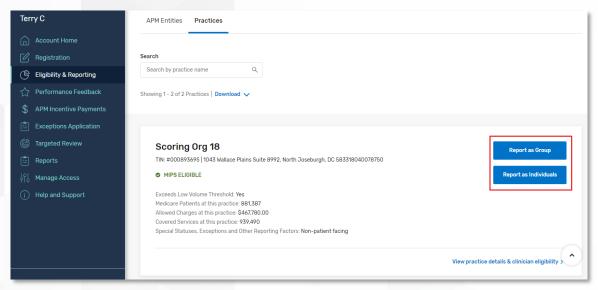




Sign in to the QPP Website (Continued)

Practices (For Group and Individual Reporting)

From the **Eligibility & Reporting** page, you'll need to indicate whether you're reporting as a group or as individuals.



MIPS Opt-in Eligible Clinicians and Groups

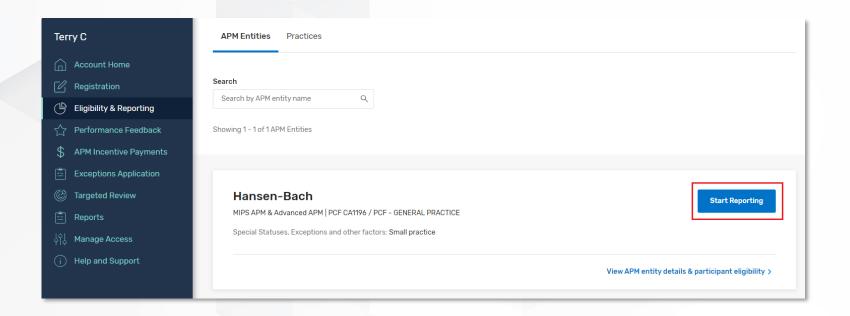
Opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who wish to report the APP and receive a MIPS payment adjustment will be prompted to complete an opt-in election before they can submit data. You can't voluntarily report the APP. For more information, review the 2025 MIPS Opt-In Election and Voluntary Reporting User Guide on the QPP Resource Library.



Sign in to the QPP Website (Continued)

APM Entities

From the Eligibility & Reporting page, click Start Reporting.



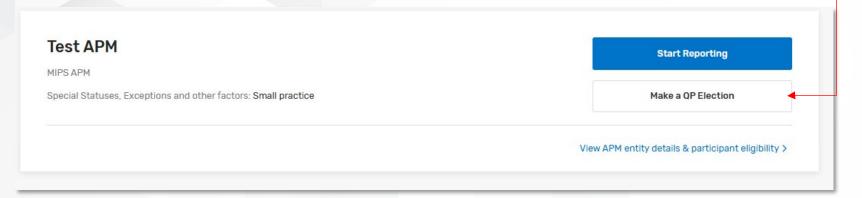




Partial Qualifying APM Participant (QP) Elections

Partial QP Election Process

APM Entities with Partial Qualifying APM Participation (QP) Status will see the option to **Make a QP Election** beneath **Start Reporting**.



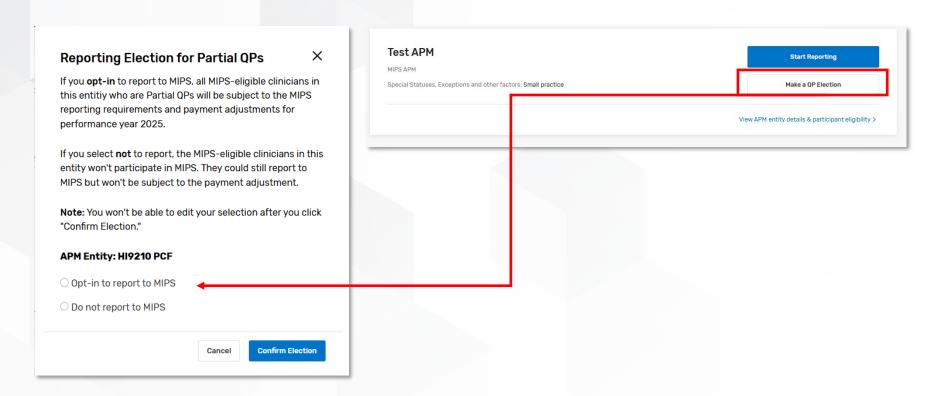
Partial QPs who want to report MIPS data and get a MIPS payment adjustment must complete their Partial QP election by March 31, 2026, at 8 p.m. ET.

Elections can only be made by an APM Entity representative with the "Security Official" role for QPP.



Partial QP Election Process (Continued)

Click **Make a QP Election** to open a pop-up window which will allow you to make the Partial QP Election on behalf of your MIPS eligible clinicians.





Partial QP Election Process (Continued)

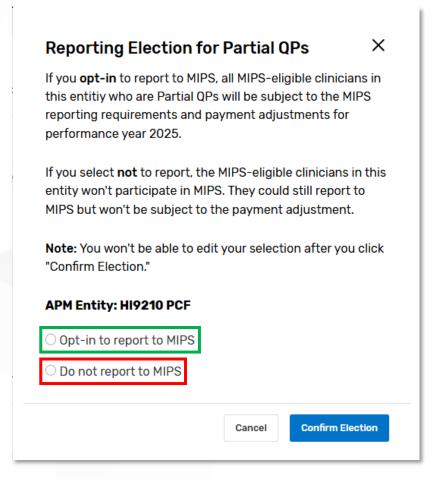
Opt-in to report to MIPS

 Select this if you want the MIPS eligible clinicians in your APM Entity to receive a MIPS payment adjustment for the 2025 performance period/2027 MIPS payment year.

Do not report to MIPS

- Select this if you don't want the MIPS eligible clinicians in your APM Entity to receive a MIPS payment adjustment for the 2025 performance period/2027 MIPS payment year.
- Any data reported will be considered voluntary.

For more information about Partial QP status, review the <u>2025 Learning Resources for QP Status and APM Incentive Payments (ZIP, 3MB)</u>.

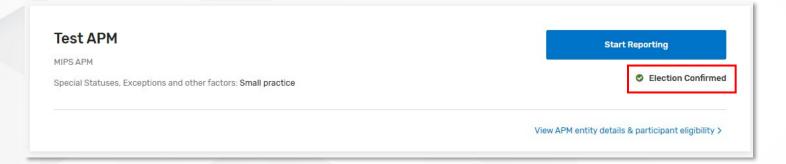




Partial QP Election Process (Continued)

Partial QP Elections (Continued)

Once you've made and confirmed your election, you'll see an **Election Confirmed** indicator below Start Reporting.



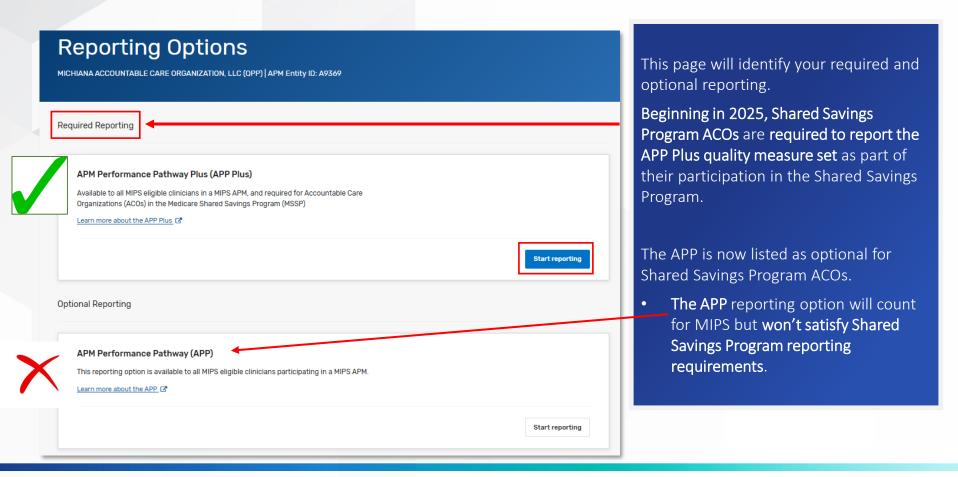




Reporting Option Selection

Shared Savings Program ACOs

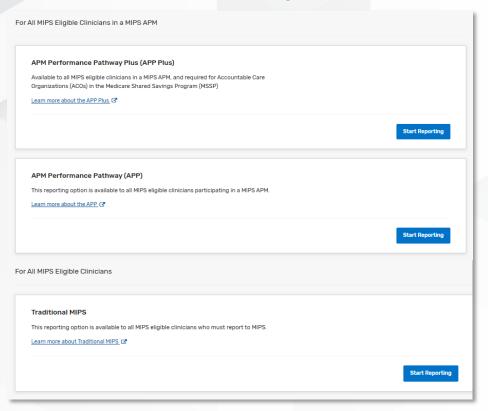
Once you've selected "Start Reporting" on the Eligibility and Reporting page, you'll be taken to the Reporting Options page. Select **Start Reporting** on the **APP Plus** card.





Participant TINs in a Shared Savings Program ACO

Once you've selected "Start Reporting" on the Eligibility and Reporting page, you'll be taken to the Reporting Options page. Reporting options will be divided between those "For All MIPS Eligible Clinicians in a MIPS APM" and "For All MIPS Eligible Clinicians."



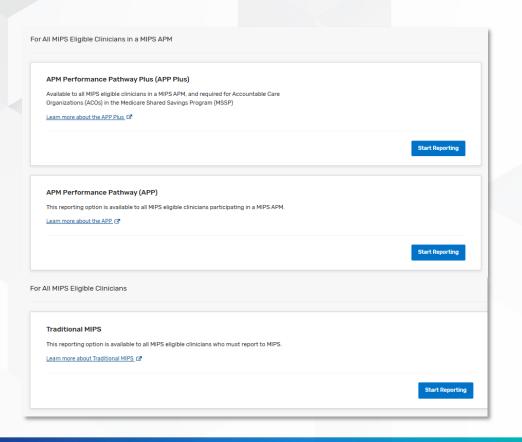
Participant TINs can select any reporting option if they're only reporting Promoting Interoperability data on behalf of their MIPS eligible clinicians at the individual or group level.

 Selecting Traditional MIPS to report your Promoting Interoperability data will maximize the group's traditional MIPS final score for any MIPS eligible clinician who isn't eligible for the APP final score. (Refer to pages 11 - 12.)



All Other MIPS APM Participants (Excluding Shared Savings Program ACOs or Participants)

Once you've selected "Start Reporting" on the Eligibility and Reporting page, you'll be taken to the Reporting Options page. Choose "APM Performance Pathway (APP)" or "APM Performance Pathway Plus (APP Plus)" based on your quality measure set.



Reminder: The APP and APP Plus are only available to MIPS eligible clinicians in a MIPS APM.

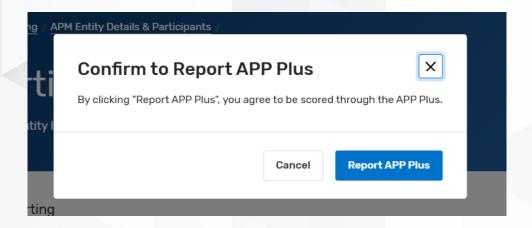
If your group includes MIPS eligible clinicians who don't participate in a MIPS APM, these clinicians aren't eligible to receive the final score and payment adjustment from the group's APP reporting.

 You'll need to report traditional MIPS for these MIPS eligible clinicians, or they'll get a negative MIPS payment adjustment.



Reporting Option Confirmation

Once you click **Start Reporting**, you'll be asked to confirm your choice. (**Note:** Groups/Participant TINs must confirm a more in-depth confirmation message because of the implications for clinicians who don't qualify to receive a final score from the APP Plus or APP.)



Once you select Report APP Plus, you will receive a MIPS final score even if no additional data are reported.

Under the APP Plus (and APP), APM Entities, groups and individuals automatically receive full credit in the improvement activities performance category which will trigger a MIPS final score and associated MIPS payment adjustment even if no quality or Promoting Interoperability data are submitted.

If you later decide you don't want to report the APP, you can <u>cancel this selection</u>.





Reporting Overview

Reporting Summary

After confirming that you want to report the APP Plus, you'll be directed to the Reporting Overview page where you can:

- View a reporting summary
- Upload a file with your quality and/or Promoting Interoperability data
- <u>Cancel your APP reporting</u> selection
- Access the quality and Promoting Interoperability category pages
- Review information about the Complex Patient Bonus points you may qualify for when feedback is available in Summer 2026 (these bonus points aren't available during submission)

Reporting Summary

The information below shows what you've submitted so far.

Submitted Data

Quality

Plus (APP Plus) C

NOT STARTED

Created: - Submission ID: -

The Reporting Summary section provides information about data already submitted.

APM Performance Pathway Plus (APP Plus) reporting

Upload a formatted QPP JSON or QRDA III file with Quality and Promoting Interoperability measures. You can manually attest to Promoting Interoperability and Improvement Activities by selecting "view/edit" on each card.

All changes are immediately auto-calculated.
Uploaded files can overwrite (delete) previous uploaded from other members of your organization if the data is for the same performance category (ex. Quality), reporting option (ex. MVPs), and participation option (ex. Group).

View and edit >

More information and guidance may be found on this page under $\underline{\text{resources}}\ \psi$

This performance category assesses the quality of the care you deliver. You

Learn more about Quality requirements for the APM Performance Pathway.

pick the quality measures that best fit this APM entity.

Promoting Interoperability

APM Entities have the option to submit Promoting Interoperability at the individual, group or APM Entity level. We'll aggregate individual and group data for a Promoting Interoperability score unless the APM Entity submits data for this category.

Learn more about Promoting Interoperability requirements 2

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Create manual entry >

↑ Upload file

Manage submissions



Program Name: APP Plus (Required for Shared Savings Program ACOs)

File Identifiers Required for APP Plus Reporting

Data submitted through a file upload (or the API) must include the correct program name to be attributed to APP Plus reporting; data submitted without a program name will be attributed to traditional MIPS reporting.

Did you know?

Your file must include the appropriate program name to be counted towards the APP Plus:

When submitting a QPP JSON file, "programName" = "appPlus"

When submitting a <u>QRDA III file</u> as an APM Entity/ACO, CMS Program Name = "APP_PLUS_APMENTITY" (this is the required CMS Program Name for Shared Savings Program ACOs)

- Groups reporting the APP Plus (separate from the ACO) and submitting a **QRDA III file** would use the APP_PLUS_GROUP CMS Program Name
- Individuals reporting the APP Plus (separate from the ACO) and submitting a <u>QRDA III file</u> would use the APP_PLUS_INDIV CMS Program Name



Program Name: APP

File Identifiers Required for APP Reporting

Data submitted through a file upload (or the API) must include the correct program name to be attributed to APP reporting; data submitted without a program name will be attributed to traditional MIPS reporting.

<u>Did you know?</u> Your file must include the appropriate program name to be counted towards the APP:

When submitting a QPP JSON file, "programName" = "app1"

When submitting a QRDA III file, CMS Program Name =

- "MIPS_APP1_APMENTITY" if you're reporting data for the APP at the APM Entity level
- "MIPS_APP1_GROUP" if you're reporting data at the group level
- "MIPS_APP1_INDIV" if you're reporting data at the individual level

Shared Savings Program ACOs:

You can't use the "app1" or "APP1" program name for the purposes of meeting quality reporting requirements under the Shared Savings Program in 2025.

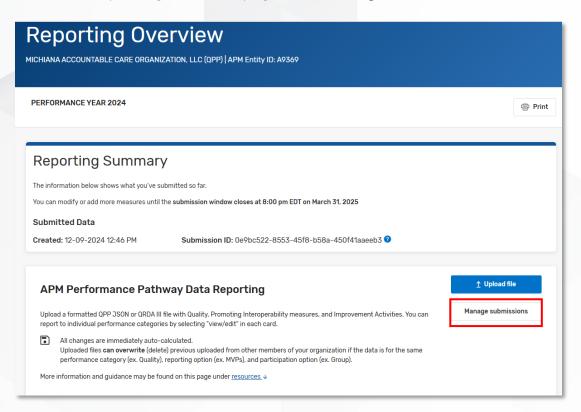
You must report the APP Plus, with the program names defined on the previous page.



Cancel Your APP/APP Plus Reporting Selection

If you've already confirmed that you wish to be scored under the APP (or APP Plus) and later decide that you don't want to report the APP (or APP Plus), you can cancel your selection.

From the Reporting Overview page, click Manage Submissions.



IMPORTANT:

If you don't cancel your selection, you will receive a MIPS final score of 20 out of 100 points based on your automatic credit in the improvement activities, resulting in a negative payment adjustment for your MIPS eligible clinicians. Submissions can be cancelled up until the submission deadline 8 p.m. ET on April 14, 2025.

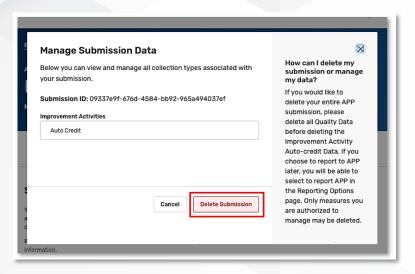
NOTE:

If a Shared Savings Program ACO doesn't report the APP Plus, they will fail the Shared Savings Program quality standard.

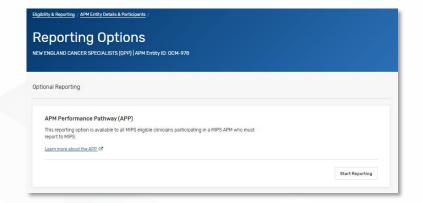


Cancel Your APP/APP Plus Reporting Selection (Continued)

In the Manage Submission modal, you'll see automatic improvement activities credit and the option to **Delete Submission**. Click Delete Submission to cancel your APP reporting selection. You can also **Cancel** to return to APP reporting.



Once you've deleted your submission, you'll return to the **Reporting Options** page. If you decide later that you'd like to report the APP, you can click **Start Reporting** from this page.







Submitting and Reviewing Quality Data

Shared Savings Program ACOs

There are 4 APP Plus measures that must be submitted during the submission period. (Your certified survey vendor will submit your CAHPS for MIPS Survey measure outside of the submission period.)

- 1. Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater Than 9% (Quality ID 001/001SSP)
- 2. Breast Cancer Screening (Quality ID 112/112SSP)
- 3. Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (Quality ID 134/134SSP)
- 4. Controlling High Blood Pressure (Quality ID 236/236SSP)

You can report the required measures as a combination of collection types: e.g., 1 measure as an eCQM, 1 measure as a MIPS CQM, and 2 measures as Medicare CQMs.

You can also report each measure through multiple collection types*: e.g., you can report the diabetes measure as a MIPS CQM (001), a Medicare CQM (001SSP), and an eCQM (CMS122v13) the highest scoring collection type would count towards your quality score.

*IMPORTANT: MIPS CQMs and Medicare CQMs are reported as part of the same JSON measurement set (submissionMethod="registry")

If you report all 4 measures through each of the 3 collection types available to ACOs, you'd submit a total of 12 measures:

- 1 measurement set (submissionMethod = registry) with 8 measures (4 MIPS CQMs + 4 Medicare CQMs)
- 1 measurement set (submissionMethod = electronicHealthRecord) with 4 measures (4 eCQMs)



All Other APP Reporters (Excluding Shared Savings Program ACOs)

APP Plus Quality Measure Set	APP Quality Measure Set
Submit the 4 quality measures required by the APP	Submit the 3 quality measures required by the APP*:
Plus*:1. Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater	1. Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater Than 9% (001)
Than 9% (001) 2. Breast Cancer Screening (112)	 Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (134)
3. Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (134)	3. Controlling High Blood Pressure (236)
4. Controlling High Blood Pressure (236)	

(*Your certified survey vendor will submit your CAHPS for MIPS Survey measure outside of the submission period.)

You can report the required measures as a combination of collection types: e.g., 1 measure as an eCQM, 2 measures as MIPS CQMs.

You can also report each measure through multiple collection types: e.g., you can report the diabetes measure as both a MIPS CQM (001) and an eCQM (CMS122v13).



In This Section

- Submitting eCQMs/MIPS CQMs/Medicare CQMs
 - Medicare CQMs are a collection type only available to Shared Savings Program ACOs. Before submitting your Medicare CQMs, review the <u>2025 Medicare CQM Implementation Checklist (PDF)</u>, a resource to support ACOs in reporting Medicare CQMs.
- Reviewing Previously Submitted Quality Data
- Frequently Asked Questions



You can upload your QPP JSON or QRDA III file with your eCQMs, MIPS CQMs, and/or Medicare CQMs directly from the **Reporting Overview** page by clicking **Upload File**.



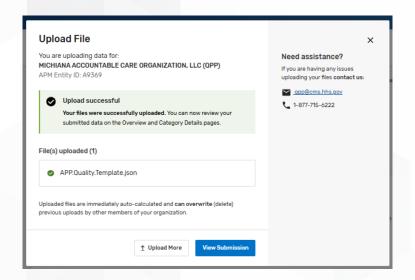
Updates for eCQM Reporting

- CEHRT ID. Beginning with the 2025 performance year, you must provide a CEHRT ID when submitting eCQM data for the quality performance category. For detailed instructions on how to generate a CMS EHR Certification ID, review pages 23-25 of the CHPL Public User Guide (PDF, 1.21MB).
 - A **valid** CMS EHR Certification ID for the 2025 performance period will include **"15C"** (as it did in the 2024 performance period) **or "2025C"**.
- Complex Organization Adjustment. New for the 2025 performance period, we'll add one measure
 achievement point for each eCQM submitted for an APM Entity that meets data completeness and
 case minimum requirements. The adjustment may not exceed 10% of the total available measure
 achievement points in the quality performance category.



Once you've uploaded your file, you will see an indicator of success or error.

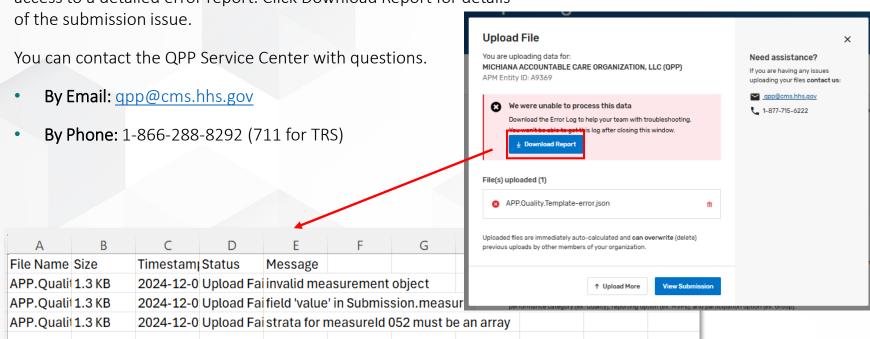
Successful Submission





Unsuccessful Submission.

If there's an error with your file, you'll see a message indicating that the data couldn't be processed and have access to a detailed error report. Click Download Report for details



Skip ahead to the <u>Quality Page</u> section for more information about the details provided after quality data has been submitted.



Troubleshooting an ACO's Unsuccessful Quality Submission for APP Plus Reporting.

If you see either of the following messages in your error report, you've included the wrong program name in your file, or didn't include one at all (submission will default to traditional MIPS):

- "measure ID 112 is not allowed to be submitted to the mips program. Please remove the invalid measure from the measurement set."
- "message": "measure ID 112 is not allowed to be submitted to the app1 program. Please remove the invalid measure from the measurement set."

How do we know? Because Measure 112 is required for the APP Plus, but it isn't available for traditional MIPS reporting or included the original APP measure set.

You must use the correct APP Plus program name:

QPP JSON file:

programName = "appPlus"

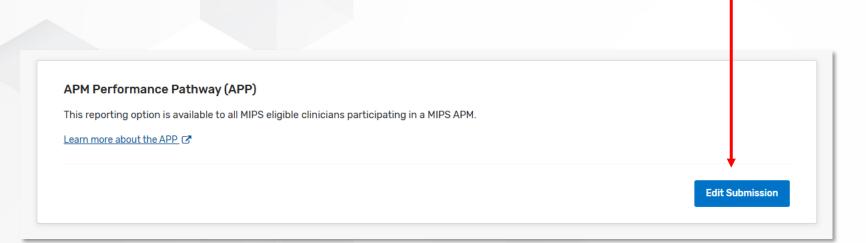
QRDA III file:

CMS Program Name = "APP_PLUS_APMENTITY"



Review Previously Submitted Data

To review eCQM/MIPS CQM/Medicare CQM data submitted on your behalf by another member of your organization or a third party intermediary, navigate to the Eligibility & Reporting page, click Start Reporting to get to the Reporting Options page. If data has been submitted, you'll see the option to **Edit Submission**.





Review Previously Submitted Data

Troubleshooting

If you or a third party successfully uploaded a file with your quality data, but you don't see it reflected on the relevant Reporting Overview page, the file probably didn't include the correct program name.

APP Plus Reporting (Required for Shared Savings Program ACOs)

- Make sure you're reviewing the APP Plus Reporting Options page
- Review the program names required for APP Plus reporting on this page.

APP Reporting (Not Available for Shared Savings Program ACOs)

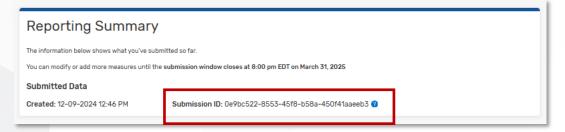
- Make sure you're reviewing the APP Reporting Options page
- Review the program names required for APP reporting on this page.

You may need to reach out to your EHR vendor or third party intermediary for assistance with verifying the program name included in your file and updating (or adding) it as needed.

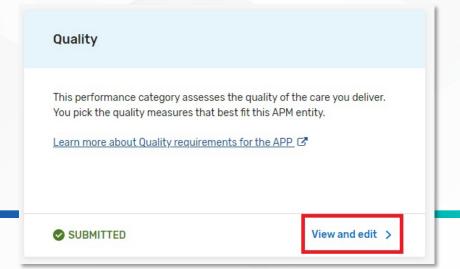


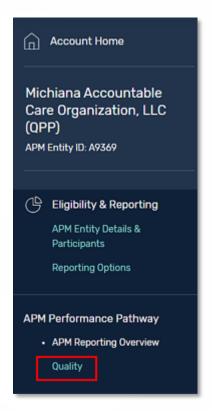
Review Previously Submitted Data (Continued)

The Reporting Summary will now identify that data has been submitted and prominently display your Submission ID. If you need to contact the QPP Service Center, you'll need to provide the Submission ID.



Click **Edit Submission** to get to the Reporting Overview page. To see the details of the measure data reported on your behalf, click **View & Edit** on the quality card, or click **Quality** in the left-hand navigation.

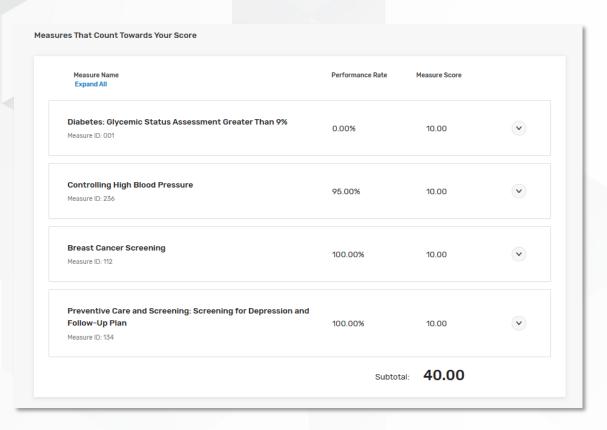






Quality Page

From the **Quality** page, you can view preliminary performance and scoring information for each measure submitted.



IMPORTANT:

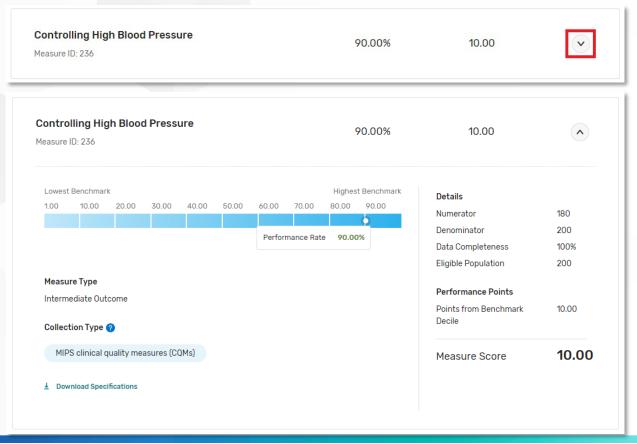
Please note that you can only access measure level scores for the measures that are submitted during the submission period.

Once performance feedback is available in Summer 2026, your quality score will be updated to reflect achievement points earned for the administrative claims quality measures and the CAHPS for MIPS measure.



Quality Page (Continued)

Click the caret (">") to the right of the measure score to expand the measure details and access more performance information.





Frequently Asked Questions

Do Participant TINs in a Shared Savings Program ACO need to report the APP Plus quality measures?

• No, the ACO will report the APP Plus quality measures (i.e. these are submitted at the APM/ACO entity level). As a reminder, Participant TINs won't see any quality measure data or scores reported by the ACO if/when they sign in to report Promoting Interoperability data on behalf of their MIPS eligible clinicians.

When will administrative claims measures and CAHPS for MIPS measure results be available?

• This information will be included as part of your performance feedback that will be available in Summer 2026.

What happens if we submit the same quality measure through multiple collection types?

- We'll only include achievement points from one collection type for a single measure in your quality performance category score.
- Let's review an example:
 - You report the controlling high blood pressure measure (Quality ID 236) as an eCQM and MIPS CQM.
 - You earn 6.1 achievement points for the measure through the eCQM collection type.
 - You earn 7.5 achievements points for the measure through the MIPS CQM collection type.
- The MIPS CQM version of measure 236 will be counted towards your quality performance category score because it resulted in more achievement points.
- The eCQM version of the measure won't contribute to your quality performance category score.





Submitting and Reviewing Promoting Interoperability Data

Shared Savings Program Promoting Interoperability Requirements

The update below was communicated through a December 12 email to ACOs and the 2025 Spotlight Issue 12:

CMS is exercising its discretion in how it enforces ACOs' compliance with certain requirements of the Shared Savings Program under 42 CFR Part 425 in PY 2025. This notification and the enforcement discretion described herein are in effect for PY 2025.

CMS outlined new Promoting Interoperability requirements for Shared Savings Program ACOs beginning in PY 2025 at 42 CFR § 425.507 and related performance reporting requirements at 42 CFR § 425.308(b)(9). These requirements are for ACOs to report the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category measures and requirements, earn a performance category score, and publicly report their performance on these measures and requirements. Current regulations in 42 CFR §§ 425.216 and 425.218 authorize CMS to take certain compliance actions for failure to meet these requirements.

However, effective immediately, CMS is exercising its enforcement discretion and will not take compliance actions under 42 CFR §§ 425.216 or 425.218 for Performance Year 2025 if an ACO does not meet the requirements of 42 CFR §§ 425.507 and 425.308(b)(9). This means:

- If an ACO does not meet the Shared Savings Program Promoting Interoperability and performance reporting requirements, CMS will not take any compliance action outlined in 42 CFR §§ 425.216 or 425.218.
- There will also be no impact on the ACO's ability to earn or receive shared savings.



Shared Savings Program Promoting Interoperability Requirements (Continued)

ACOs (or their participating clinicians and groups) may still choose to (or be required to) report the Promoting Interoperability performance category as part of their APM Performance Pathway (APP) reporting. This announcement doesn't affect the MIPS Promoting Interoperability reporting requirements for MIPS eligible clinicians participating in an ACO. These requirements are available in the 2025 Promoting Interoperability Quick Start Guide (PDF). Data can be submitted through manual attestation or file upload.

IMPORTANT: Reporting Promoting Interoperability data to MIPS will result in a MIPS score and payment adjustment to the ACO's MIPS-eligible clinicians, which can include clinicians who are eligible but not required to report to MIPS. This may be a positive or negative payment adjustment depending on the MIPS score and eligibility. There is no option available for submitting Shared Savings Program Promoting Interoperability and performance reporting requirements that does not result in a MIPS score and payment adjustment to the ACO's MIPS eligible clinicians.

- Clinicians with Qualifying APM Participant (QP) status aren't eligible for a MIPS payment adjustment.
- Partial QPs are only eligible for a MIPS payment adjustment if your ACO makes a Partial QP election.



Reporting Promoting Interoperability Data

If your ACO includes MIPS eligible clinicians, these clinicians will receive a MIPS final score and MIPS payment adjustment. You'll need to report the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category in addition to quality to maximize their score. Promoting Interoperability data can be reported at the individual, group, or ACO level. When quality measures are reported at the APM Entity level, Promoting Interoperability data can be submitted at the individual, group or APM Entity level.

Promoting Interoperability Reported at the Individual or Group Level ("PI Roll-Up")

- The APM Entity's MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category score is an average of the highest score attributed to each MIPS eligible clinician in the APM Entity based on the required measures from their individual or group reporting. (Click here for more information about this calculation.)
- The APM Entity can also earn the bonus points if at least one individual or group in the APM Entity reports any of the optional measures in the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective (5 bonus points), but the Promoting Interoperability performance category score can't exceed 100%.

Promoting Interoperability Reported at the APM Entity Level

• Since the 2023 performance period, APM Entities have been able to submit aggregated Promoting Interoperability data at the APM Entity level on behalf of all MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity. The score is calculated the same way as for individuals and groups.

If data is submitted by the APM Entity, we'll use that data to score the Promoting Interoperability performance category, regardless of data submitted at the individual or group level.

- File Upload
- Manual Entry (Attestation)
- Reviewing Previously Submitted Data



File Upload

You can upload a QRDA III or QPP JSON file with your Promoting Interoperability data on the Reporting Overview page.

APM Entity Level Reporting (Submitted by the ACO)

Please make sure that your Promoting Interoperability file includes the APP Plus program name.

- **JSON submission**: programName" = "appPlus"
- QRDA III file: CMS Program Name = APP_PLUS_APMENTITY

You must use the same program name for your quality and Promoting Interoperability submissions to ensure all of your data is attributed to the same reporting option and a single final score.

If your quality data is submitted with an APP Plus program name and your Promoting Interoperability data is submitted with an APP or traditional MIPS program name (or doesn't include a program name), you'll get 2 MIPS final scores.

- 1. APP Plus: up to 50 points for quality (based on data submitted), 20 points for improvement activities, 0 points for Promoting Interoperability
- 2. APP/Traditional MIPS: 0 points for quality, 20 points for improvement activities, up to 30 points for Promoting Interoperability (based on data submitted)



File Upload

Individual or Group Level Reporting (Submitted by the Participant TIN)

When the MIPS Promoting Interoperability performance category is being reported by individuals and groups in the ACO, we'll calculate a "PI rollup" for the ACO using the highest Promoting Interoperability score available to the MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity/ACO, even if it's submitted with another program name.

For group level reporting, we recommend submitting your Promoting Interoperability data using the traditional MIPS program name. (Note: If you submit data without any program name, the data is attributed to traditional MIPS.)

Why?

- If any of your MIPS eligible clinicians don't appear on the ACO's APM Participant List, they aren't eligible for a MIPS final score from the APP Plus.
- A group level Promoting Interoperability data submission will trigger a traditional MIPS score for any clinician who's eligible at the group level.
- Submitting the data for traditional MIPS will maximize the traditional MIPS final score for these clinicians while still counting towards the "PI rollup" for the ACO's final score from the APP Plus.



Manual Entry (Attestation)

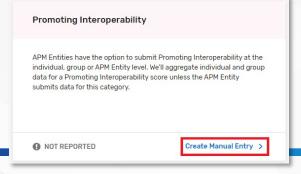
You can also attest to your Promoting Interoperability data by manually entering numerators, denominators, and yes/no values as appropriate to the measure or attestation statement. The manual entry/ attestation process is the same, regardless of the level at which the data is reported.

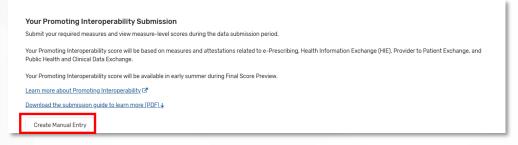
Before you attest, you must choose the <u>reporting option</u> that matches the program name provided in your quality submission.

- ACO level reporting: ACOs should select "Start Reporting" for the APP Plus before manually attesting. This will ensure all of your data is attributed to the same reporting option and a single final score.
- Individual and group level reporting (ACO Participant TINs):
 Consider selecting "Start Reporting" for Traditional MIPS.
 This will maximize the traditional MIPS score for any of your clinicians that aren't eligible to receive the ACO's score.



Click Create Manual Entry on the Reporting Overview, and then again on the Promoting Interoperability page.







Manual Entry (Attestation) (Continued)

If your Promoting Interoperability performance category is currently weighted at 0%, you will be prompted to confirm that you wish to proceed (click I understand then Continue).

If you click **Continue** and manually attest to a qualifying data submission (complete all required attestations, measures, and reporting requirements) you'll be scored on this performance category.

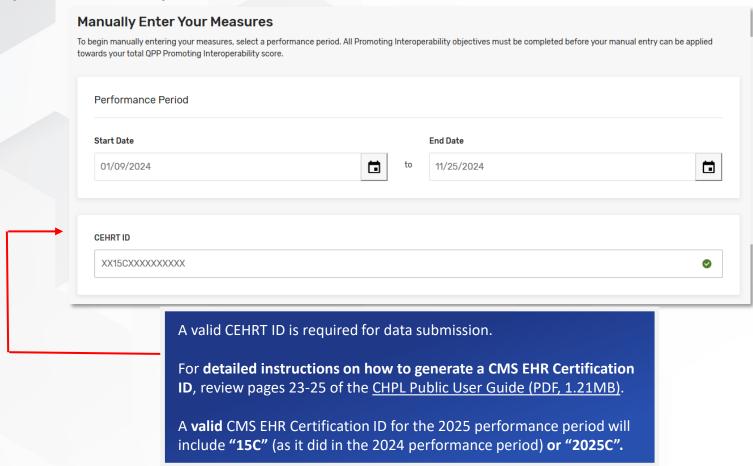
NOTE: A non-qualifying submission - submitting some but not all required data - WON'T override reweighting.

You're Not Required to Submit	Data for This Category X
Currently, Promoting Interoperability doesn't count to	wards your final score. If you choose to report data for
this category, you'll need to submit all the data require	ed for it to be included in your final score.
	my final score. This action cannot be undone.
UNDERSTAND	

As you provide required information on the Manual Entry page, more fields will appear. For example, once you enter your performance period, the CEHRT ID field will appear. You must provide all required information (including measure data) to be scored on this performance category.



Enter Your Performance Period and CMS EHR Certification ID ("CEHRT ID")



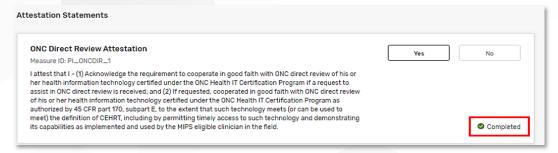
REMINDER:

The performance period increased to 180 consecutive days in the 2024 performance period.



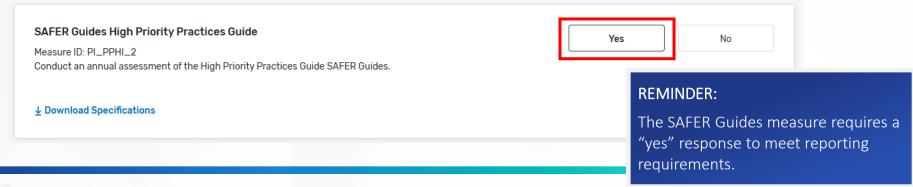
Complete Required Attestation Statements and Measures

You must select **Yes** for the 3 required attestations before you can begin entering your measure data. As you move through the required information, you will see an indicator as each requirement is **completed**.



To manually report a measure, you will need to either select **Yes** or enter the **numerator/denominator** value, according to the measure. You can also claim an exclusion if you qualify.

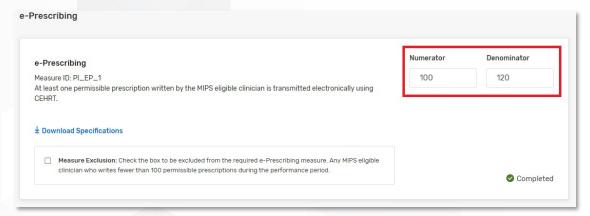
Yes Example.



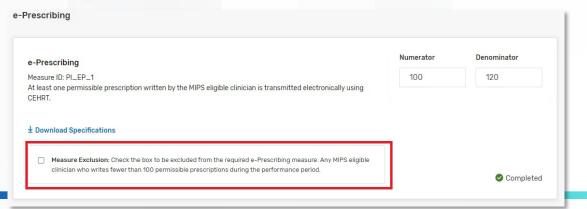


Complete Required Attestation Statements and Measures (Continued)

Numerator/Denominator Example



Exclusion Example





Health Information Exchange Objective

There are 3 options for meeting the Health Information Exchange (HIE) objective:

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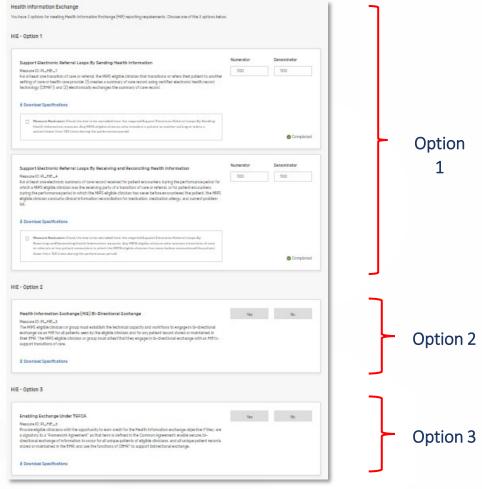
- Support Electronic Referral Loops by Sending Health Information
- Support Electronic Referral Loops by Receiving and Reconciling Health Information

Option 2:

 Health Information Exchange: Bi-Directional Exchange

Option 3:

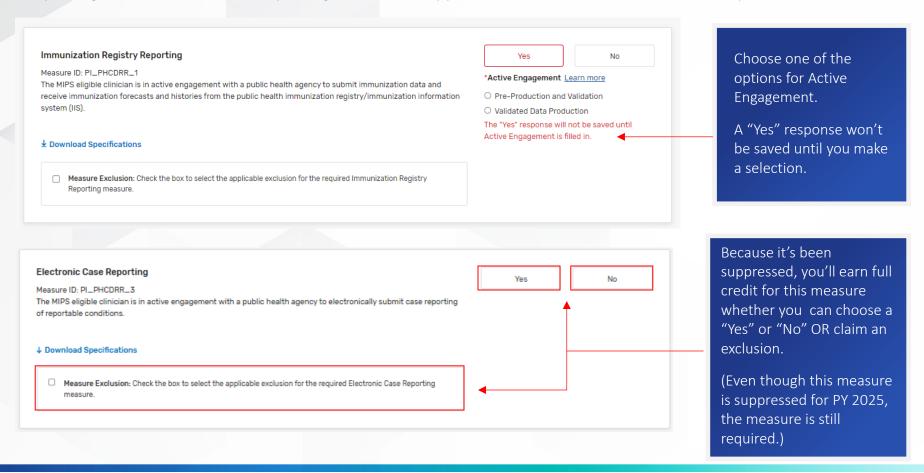
Enabling Exchange Under TEFCA





Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange Objective

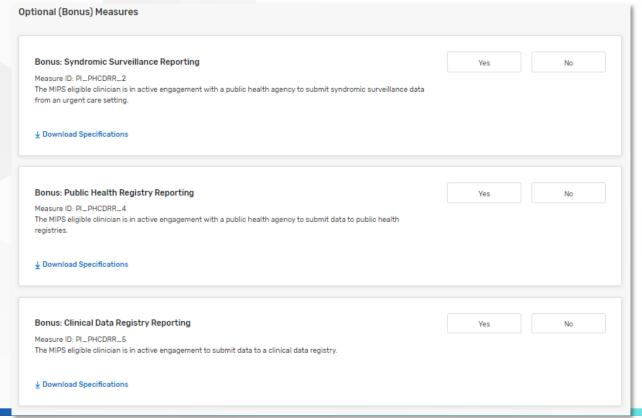
There are 2 required measures for this objective: Electronic Case Reporting and Immunization Registry Reporting. The Electronic Case Reporting measure is suppressed for PY 2025 but must still be reported.





Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange Objective (Continued)

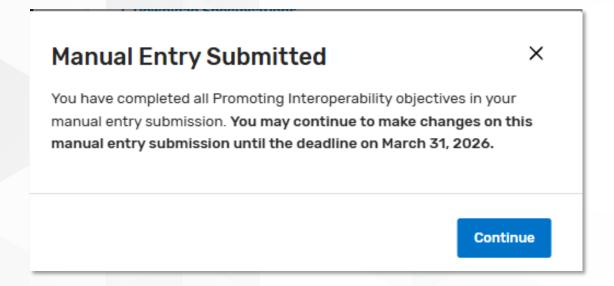
To earn an additional 5 bonus points in this performance category, you can choose to report 1 or more of the remaining, optional measures. There are 5 bonus points available whether you report 1, 2 or all 3 of the optional measures.





Submission Confirmation

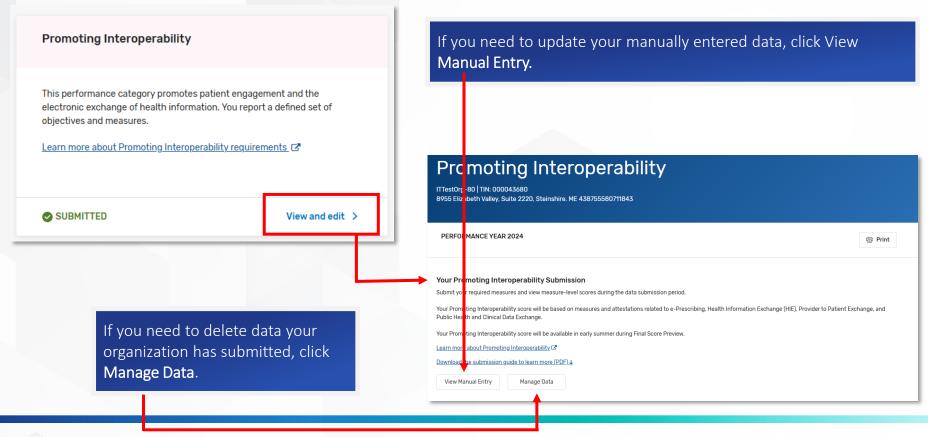
Once all required data have been reported, the system will notify you and allow you to view your preliminary measure-level scores.





Review Previously Submitted Data

Scroll down the Reporting Overview page to the Promoting Interoperability card. Click **View and edit**. You will land on a read-only page, letting you review the preliminary measure scoring details of your submission.





Review Previously Submitted Data (Continued)

Troubleshooting.

If you or a third party successfully uploaded a file with your MIPS Promoting Interoperability data, there are a few possibilities why you don't see it reflected on the relevant Reporting Overview page.

- 1. You're a representative of an APM Entity/ACO and Promoting Interoperability data is being reported at the individual/group level by the clinicians in your APM Entity/ACO.
 - APM Entity representatives can't view the data submitted by the practices participating in their Entity until performance feedback is available and the "PI rollup" report is released.
- 2. Promoting Interoperability data was submitted under a different program name/reporting option than quality.
 - This would occur when your quality and Promoting Interoperability data were submitted at the same level (e.g., both performance categories were reported at the APM Entity level).
 - You may need to reach out to your EHR vendor or third party intermediary for assistance with verifying the program name included in your file and updating (or adding) it as needed.
- 3. You're reviewing the wrong Reporting Options page.
 - Make sure that you selection the correct <u>Reporting Option</u> page; both the APP and APP Plus are available in 2025.



Review Previously Submitted Data (Continued)

Did you know?

We updated our policy regarding multiple data submissions in the Promoting Interoperability performance category in the <u>CY 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule</u>, beginning with the CY 2024 performance period/2026 MIPS payment year (data submission in CY 2025).

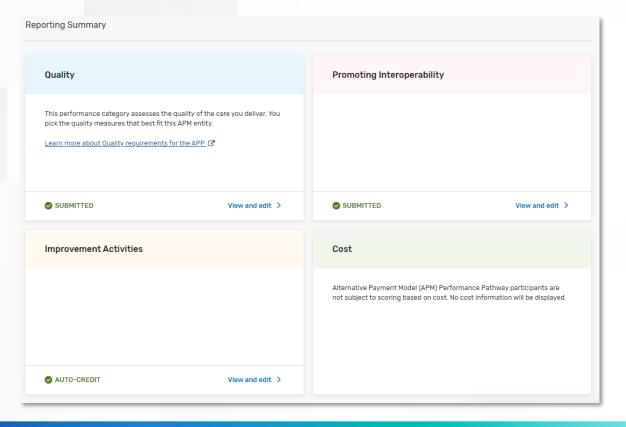
• When we receive multiple Promoting Interoperability submissions for the same individual clinician, group, or APM Entity, we'll calculate a score for each data submission received and assign the highest of the scores to that individual, group or APM Entity.





Improvement Activities

Individuals, groups and APM Entities reporting the APP automatically receive full credit in the improvement activities performance category. You aren't able to attest to additional improvement activities because you've already earned the maximum points in this performance category.







Quality Score Calculation: How We'll Get There

We'll calculate your quality score after the data submission period, once we've received all required available data.



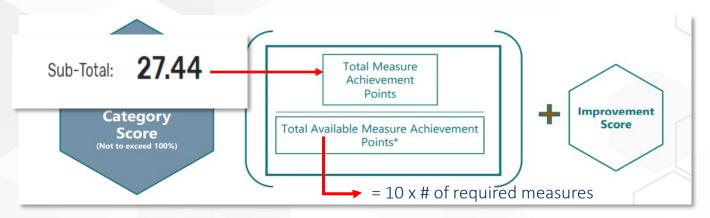


Quality Score Calculation: How We'll Get There

The **Sub-Total** displayed at the bottom of your submitted measures shows how many achievement points you've earned to date **based on the measures you've submitted**.

This number can change after the submission period.

• For example, this number will increase based on the achievement points earned for the CAHPS for MIPS measure and the 2 administrative claims measures automatically calculated as part of the APP Plus (and APP).



We'll determine the total available measure achievement points after the data submission period.

• For example, the [(3 required eCQMs/MIPS CQMs for the APP) or the (4 required eCQMs/MIPS CQMs/Medicare CQMs for the APP Plus)] + 2 administrative claims measures + CAHPS for MIPS measure = 60 points

Review the **2025 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide** (available in the <u>PY 2025 APM Performance Pathway (APP) Toolkit (ZIP, 7MB)</u> for more information about the quality category score calculations.



MIPS Promoting Interoperability Score Calculation: How We'll Get There

<u>Individual</u> and <u>Group</u> Reporting:

• Quality and Promoting Interoperability reported for an individual clinician or group

We'll calculate your Promoting Interoperability score after the data submission period from the measure scores displayed during the submission period. Then we'll multiply that by the performance category weight to determine how many points the Promoting Interoperability performance category will contribute to your final score.



X category weight (30%) = points contributing to final score

Review the **2025 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide** (available in the <u>PY 2025 APM Performance Pathway (APP) Toolkit (ZIP, 7MB)</u> for more information about the Promoting Interoperability category score calculations.



Note: This guide doesn't review how we'd arrive at a score for Shared Savings Program

Interoperability reporting requirements

ACOs meeting their Promoting

outside of MIPS.

MIPS Promoting Interoperability Score Calculation: How We'll Get There (Continued)

APM Entity Reporting: Option 1.

"PI Roll Up" (detailed example beginning on next slide)

- Quality is reported by the APM Entity
- Promoting Interoperability is reported by individuals and/or groups participating in the APM Entity and a weighted average score is created.

PLEASE NOTE: During the submission period, APM Entities don't have access to the Promoting Interoperability data submitted by the individuals and groups participating in the APM Entity.



= points contributing to final score

Review the **2025 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide** (available in the <u>PY 2025 APM Performance Pathway (APP) Toolkit (ZIP, 7MB)</u> for more information about the Promoting Interoperability category score calculations.



MIPS Promoting Interoperability Score Calculation: How We'll Get There (Continued)

PI Roll-Up Example

A Shared Savings Program ACO has 75 participants, but only 10 are MIPS eligible clinicians. The points assigned to each clinician are those earned through either individual or group reporting.

MIPS Eligible Clinician	Points for Required Measures (Excluding Bonus Points)	Optional Measures from Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange Objective Reported?
MIPS Eligible Clinician 1	87	Yes
MIPS Eligible Clinician 2	87	No
MIPS Eligible Clinician 3	77	No
MIPS Eligible Clinician 4	N/A – qualified for reweighting	N/A – qualified for reweighting
MIPS Eligible Clinician 5	92	No
MIPS Eligible Clinician 6	85	No
MIPS Eligible Clinician 7	0 – didn't meet reporting requirements	No
MIPS Eligible Clinician 8	N/A – qualified for reweighting	N/A – qualified for reweighting
MIPS Eligible Clinician 9	49	Yes
MIPS Eligible Clinician 10	82	No

Only MIPS eligible clinicians are included when calculating the weighted average for the Promoting Interoperability score for an APM Entity.



MIPS Promoting Interoperability Score Calculation: How We'll Get There (Continued)

PI Roll-Up Example (Continued)

- We divide the points earned by all MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity by the number of MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity (excluding those who received reweighting) and add bonus points if applicable.
- This calculation results in the Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Score



This percentage is multiplied by the category weight to arrive at the points contributing to the final score

Review the **2024 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide** (available in the <u>PY 2024 APM Performance Pathway (APP) Toolkit (ZIP, 2MB)</u> for more information about the Promoting Interoperability category score calculations.

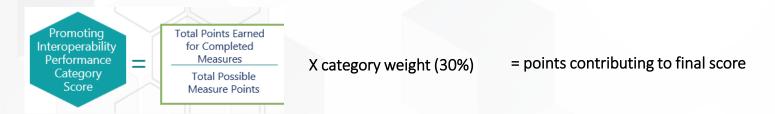


MIPS Promoting Interoperability Score Calculation: How We'll Get There (Continued)

APM Entity Reporting: Option 2.

• Promoting Interoperability measure data is aggregated for all MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity and submitted by the APM Entity.

We'll calculate your Promoting Interoperability score after the data submission period from the measure scores displayed during the submission period. Then we'll multiply that by the performance category weight to determine how many points the Promoting Interoperability performance category will contribute to your final score.



Review the **2024 APM Performance Pathway Scoring Guide** (available in the <u>PY 2024 APM Performance Pathway (APP) Toolkit (ZIP, 2MB)</u> for more information about the Promoting Interoperability category score calculations.



Improvement Activities Score Calculation

You'll receive 100% for this performance category once you submit quality data, submit Promoting Interoperability data **OR** confirm that you want to report the APP. The category weight will determine how many points it contributes to your final score.

For example, when the category is weighted at 20%, improvement activities will contribute 20 points towards your final score.





Help and Version History

Where Can You Go for Help?

Contact the Quality Payment Program (QPP) Service Center by emailing QPP@cms.hhs.gov, creating a <u>QPP Service Center ticket</u>, or calling 1-866-288-8292 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET).

Please consider calling during nonpeak hours, before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. ET.

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

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



Version History

If we need to update this document, changes will be identified here.

DATE	DESCRIPTION
12/30/2025	Original Posting.

