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MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs) Maintenance Feedback

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Purpose and Scope of the MVP Maintenance

- This resource provides a summary of feasible maintenance recommendations that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received as potential updates to finalized MVPs for 2027 calendar year (CY) rulemaking.
 - For more information on how to submit feedback, refer to the [Help and Support](#) section at the end of this resource.
- The ongoing maintenance process for finalized MVPs is **separate** from the MVP candidate solicitation process described in the CY 2021 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule (85 FR 84854 through 84856).
 - The 30-day MVP candidate feedback period closed 2/06/2026.
- Links to detailed resources about MVPs beyond MVP maintenance are provided at the end of this presentation.



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Introduction

MVPs Ongoing Maintenance Process

As noted in the CY [2023 PFS Final Rule](#) under the “MVP Maintenance Process” section (87 FR 46266), CMS solicits feedback regarding proposed revisions to finalized MVPs during its annual MVP maintenance process.



MVP Maintenance Overview and Feedback Process

MVP Development Process

If an MVP candidate is not proposed through rulemaking, it may be refined through the MVP candidate development process at CMS's discretion.



MVP CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT

CMS or interested parties develop MVP candidates based on MVP needs and priorities. MVP candidates are developed on a rolling basis with key guiding principles.



MVP CANDIDATE REVIEW

CMS reviews and may discuss the MVP candidate with the interested party/parties that submitted the MVP candidate. CMS determines whether MVP candidates will move forward in the development process.



MVP FEEDBACK

MVP candidates are available on the QPP website for feedback for at least a 30-day period. CMS will display the feedback received related to each MVP candidate at the end of the feedback period.
Note: Posting of MVP candidates for feedback does not guarantee the candidate will move forward in rulemaking.



PROPOSED MVP

If CMS determines to incorporate an MVP, it will be proposed through rulemaking.



FINALIZED MVP

Proposed MVPs may be finalized through rulemaking (with or without modification based on feedback received). View finalized MVPs on Explore MVPs.



MVP MAINTENANCE

MVP maintenance is the process where the general public can provide feedback on finalized MVPs for CMS consideration.



How to Recommend Changes to a Finalized MVP

- [Explore MVPs](#) that are available for the 2026 performance year (PY).
- On a rolling basis throughout the year, CMS is accepting requests from the general public for changes to the 27 established MVPs finalized in Appendix 3: MVP Inventory of the [CY 2026 PFS Final Rule](#) (90 FR 50370).
- Submit all recommended changes by email to MVPsupport@cms.hhs.gov for CMS consideration.

What to submit

At a minimum, please provide the below information as organized in the table.

- The email should include:
 1. Title of the MVP(s) and
 2. Description and rationale of recommended change(s) broken down by performance category.
- Refer to the [MVP Maintenance Process](#) for more details



What happens after you submit feedback?

- Recommendations submitted to the MVPSupport@cms.hhs.gov mailbox and deemed feasible by CMS are included for the public to provide feedback.
 - Feedback can be submitted via email to MVPSupport@cms.hhs.gov. Feedback received after mid March might not be considered prior to the posting of the proposed rule.
- CMS is unable to communicate whether recommendations are accepted ahead of rulemaking and would ultimately decide whether to make updates to the finalized MVPs through future notice and comment rulemaking. For example, suggesting the addition or removal of a quality measure or improvement activity.
- Any CMS approved changes to a finalized MVP will be proposed through future notice and comment rulemaking.



Recommending changes to existing MIPS measures and improvement activities within an MVP

- This MVP maintenance solicitation doesn't extend to requests for changes to existing individual MIPS measures and improvement activities.
- Changes to individual MIPS measures and improvement activities are made through separate established processes under the traditional MIPS performance category policies and criteria for measures and activities. Those changes would be reflected within established MVPs.
 - Changes to MIPS quality measures may be submitted for consideration during the proposed rulemaking comment cycle, or by contacting the measure steward directly.
 - Changes to existing improvement activities and cost measures may be submitted for consideration through the annual [Call for Measures and Activities](#).
- Any changes to existing MIPS measures and improvement activities will be proposed through future notice and comment rulemaking.



Finalized MVPs

Newly Finalized MVPs

Diagnostic Radiology

Interventional Radiology

Neuropsychology

Pathology

Podiatry

Vascular Surgery



Previously Finalized MVPs

Adopting Best Practices and Promoting Patient Safety within Emergency Medicine

Advancing Cancer Care

Advancing Care for Heart Disease

Advancing Rheumatology Patient Care

Coordinating Stroke Care to Promote Prevention and Cultivate Positive Outcomes

Comprehensive Ocular Care

Dermatological Care

Focusing on Women's Health

Gastroenterology Care

Improving Care for Lower Extremity Joint Repair



Previously Finalized MVPs Cont.

	Optimal Care for Kidney Health	
	Optimal Care for Patients with Urologic Conditions	
	Patient Safety and Support of Positive Experiences with Anesthesia	
	Prevention and Treatment of Infectious Disorders Including Hepatitis C and HIV	
	Pulmonology Care	
	Quality Care for Patients with Neurological Conditions	
	Quality Care for the Treatment of Ear, Nose, and Throat Disorders	
	Quality Care in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders	
	Rehabilitative Support for Musculoskeletal Care	
	Surgical Care	
	Value in Primary Care	



MVP Maintenance Feedback

Quality Measure Requests

- This maintenance recommendation was suggested for consideration to:
 - Adopting Best Practices and Promoting Patient Safety within Emergency Medicine

No.	Recommendation	Support for Modification
1	Add to MVP: Q066: Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis: The percentage of episodes for patients 3 years and older with a diagnosis of pharyngitis that resulted in an antibiotic order on or within 3 days after the episode date and a group A Streptococcus (Strep) test in the seven-day period from three days prior to the episode date through three days after the episode date.	CMS has determined the recommendation to add Q066 is feasible as this measure concept is appropriate for the intent of the MVP.



Quality Measure Requests

- This maintenance recommendation was suggested for consideration to:
 - Advancing Rheumatology Patient Care

No.	Recommendation	Support for Modification
1	Add to MVP: UREQA8: Vitamin D level: Effective Control of Low Bone Mass/Osteopenia and Osteoporosis: Therapeutic Level Of 25 OH Vitamin D Level Achieved: Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older diagnosed with osteopenia or osteoporosis whose most recent serum 25 Hydroxy-Vitamin D results is greater than or equal to 30.0 ng/dL.	CMS has determined the recommendation to add UREQA8 is feasible as this measure concept is appropriate for the intent of the MVP.



Improvement Activity Requests

- These maintenance recommendations were suggested for consideration to:
 - Quality Care for the Treatment of Ear, Nose, and Throat Disorders

No.	Recommendation	Support for Modification
1	<p>Add to MVP:</p> <p>IA_BE_6: Regularly Assess Patient Experience of Care and Follow Up on Findings</p> <p>IA_CC_7: Regular training in care coordination</p> <p>IA_CC_9: Implementation of practices/processes for developing regular individual care plans</p> <p>IA_CC_10: Care transition documentation practice improvements</p> <p>IA_CC_17: Patient Navigator Program</p> <p>IA_PM_14: Implementation of methodologies for improvements in longitudinal care management for high risk patients</p> <p>IA_PM_17: Participation in Population Health Research</p> <p>IA_PSPA_12 Participation in private payer CPIA</p> <p>Refer to Explore Measures & Activities for the full description and list of actions to implement these improvement activities.</p>	<p>CMS has determined the recommendation to add IA_BE_6, IA_CC_7, IA_CC_9, IA_CC_10, IA_CC_17, IA_PM_14, IA_PM_17, and IA_PSPA_12 is feasible as these activities could provide additional improvement activity options for clinicians who treat patients within the practice of otolaryngology.</p>



Improvement Activity Requests

- These maintenance recommendations were suggested for consideration to:
 - Optimal Care for Patients with Urologic Conditions

No.	Recommendation	Support for Modification
1	<p>Add to MVP: IA_BE_16: Promote Self-management in Usual Care</p> <p>Refer to Explore Measures & Activities for the full description and list of actions to implement these improvement activities.</p>	<p>CMS has determined the recommendation to add IA_BE_16 is feasible as this activity could provide an additional improvement activity option for clinicians who treat patients within the practices of urology, general urologists, urology oncologists, and urology care for women.</p>



Help and Support

How to Submit Questions

If you have a question regarding MVPs, please submit a QPP Service Center ticket.

- Contact the Quality Payment Program Service Center by email at: QPP@cms.hhs.gov, by phone at 1-866-288-8292 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET), or by creating a [QPP Service Center ticket](#).
 - To receive assistance more quickly, please consider calling during non-peak hours—before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. ET.
 - Customers who are hearing impaired can dial 711 to be connected to a TRS Communications Assistant



MVP Resources

- For more information on MVPs, please visit the following webpages or download these helpful Quality Payment Program (QPP) resources:
 - [MVPs webpage](#)
 - [2025 MVP Implementation Guide](#)
 - [2026 MVP Development and Maintenance Guide](#)
 - [Transition from Traditional MIPS to MVPs Graphic](#)
- To review the most recent regulatory resources:
 - [2026 Quality Payment Program Final Rule Fact Sheet and Policy Comparison Table](#)
 - [2026 Quality Payment Program Final Rule](#)
- Find other MVP resources at [QPP Resource Library](#) and webinar slide decks and recording at [QPP Webinar Library](#)
- Interested in submitting an MVP candidate? Visit [MVP Candidate Development & Submission](#)

