

Quality Payment PROGRAM

MIPS READINESS CHECKLIST

Eligibility (Are you required to report?)

- ✓ Click [here](#) to check if you are MIPS eligible!
 - If not, you are exempt from reporting and do not need to submit any data. However, in 2020 CMS offers the option of opting in to MIPS to earn an incentive payment. Learn more [here](#).
 - If you are eligible (i.e. required to report), keep reading to learn how to avoid the 9% penalty!

Practice Readiness

- ✓ Check [here](#) for special statuses to see if you qualify for burden reducing programs.
- ✓ Are you in a group? If so, decide whether you will report together or as individuals
- ✓ Confirm whether you will complete your MIPS reporting through a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) such as the [ASPS TOPS QCDR](#), a Qualified Registry (QR), your EHR*, claims* (only for practices with 15 or fewer clinicians), or the CMS QPP Website.
 - *EHR and claims reporting only apply to the Quality category- you will still need to find a mechanism to report the Promoting Interoperability (PI) and Improvement Activities (IA) categories
- ✓ Talk with your staff to make sure they understand the changes that need to take place to comply with MIPS reporting.
 - Call ASPS if you need help selecting performance measures or Improvement Activities.

EHR Readiness

- ✓ Are you a solo or small practice with 15 or fewer clinicians? Make sure you apply for the exemption from the PI category. Check <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications> to apply by December 31st.
- ✓ Determine whether your Electronic Health Record Technology (EHR) is certified to 2015 CEHRT
- ✓ Talk to your vendor to ensure that your EHR is ready for MIPS reporting.
 - Ask your vendor whether your EHR will be able to handle your reporting needs
 - If not, ask whether you can receive an exemption and then apply at the link above
 - If you plan to integrate with a QCDR, determine whether your EHR is on a local server or cloud based
- ✓ Perform a security risk analysis that complies with the HIPAA Security Rule requirements

Reporting Readiness

- ✓ Review CMS's list of Improvement Activities (IA) to identify activities that are most relevant to your practice. ASPS has compiled [a subset of this list](#) most relevant to plastic surgeons.
- ✓ Consider participating in the [ASPS TOPS QCDR](#) for all your reporting needs and schedule a consultation with ASPS staff as soon as possible (contact information below).

Cost/Resource Use Readiness (no submission requirements in 2020)

- ✓ Stay abreast of new episode-based cost measures in development (applicable starting in 2020)