



**Advocating for ASN Members in the New Quality Payment Program**  
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### **QPP: Who's In and When to Report Data**

The Quality Payment Program (QPP) is already in its first year. It is the program created by MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act).

There are a few important details that you should know.

#### **Who's in the Quality Payment Program?**

You will be in the Quality Payment Program if you bill Medicare more than \$30,000 a year and provide care for more than 100 Medicare patients a year, and are a:

- Physician
- Physician assistant
- Nurse practitioner
- Clinical nurse specialist
- Certified registered nurse anesthetist

However, if 2017 is your first year participating in Medicare, then you will not be in the MIPS track of the Quality Payment Program.

#### **Performance Period:**

The first performance period began January 1, 2017 and closes December 31, 2017 for adjustments in CY 2019.

You can pick your own pace for the Quality Payment Program.

If you already began collecting data January 1, 2017, that's great.

If you were not ready on January 1, you can choose to start anytime between January 1 and October 2, 2017. Whenever you choose to start, you'll need to send in your

performance data by March 31, 2018. The first payment adjustments based on performance go into effect on January 1, 2019.

### **Reporting Performance Data and Avoiding Penalties:**

Potentially earn a positive payment adjustment under MIPS or just avoid a penalty by sending in your data for 2017 to MIPS by the deadline, March 31, 2018.

It is important to remember these details are only for payment adjustments in 2019. Medicare will issue new guidelines for 2020 and beyond. Here's how it is going to work:

#### *If you choose not to participate in the Quality Payment Program*

If you do not send in any 2017 data, **then you receive a negative 4% payment adjustment in 2019.**

#### *Testing*

If you submit a minimum amount of 2017 data to Medicare (for example, one quality measure or one improvement activity for any point in 2017), you can avoid a downward payment adjustment.

#### *Partial Participation*

If you submit 90 days of 2017 data to Medicare, you may earn a neutral or small positive payment adjustment.

#### *Full Participation*

If you submit a full year of 2017 data to Medicare, you may earn a moderate positive payment adjustment.

If you are in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model, just send quality data through your Advanced APM.

Medicare gives you feedback about your performance after you submit your data.