

# 2019

**MIPS Reporting Guide** 



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The deadline for data submission to CMS is March 31st, 2020 7:59:59 PM EDT.

For 2019 MIPS data submission to CMS, GEHRIMED offers multiple reporting options:

- Free Score Check: Practitioners/Groups have unlimited use of the GEHRIMED MIPS Dashboard to access CMS's MIPS Score Calculator to unofficially send data via the API to preview their MIPS score free of charge.
- Official Registry Individual Reporting: Use the GPM LTC Registry Service and report official MIPS
  data for individual providers to CMS. Your first individual submission will incur a cost of \$200 to
  \$600 for that clinician. Subsequent individual submissions for that clinician will not incur a
  charge.
- Official Registry Group Reporting: Use the GPM LTC Registry Service and report as a Group, submitting official MIPS data to CMS. Your first group submission will incur a cost of \$200 to \$600 per clinician. Subsequent group submissions for that group will not incur a charge.
- **Best of Both Worlds:** The GPM LTC Registry Service supports submitting an individual as a member of a group and as an individual. Your first individual and group submissions for an individual will incur a cost of \$200 to \$600 each for that clinician. Subsequent individual submissions for that clinician will not incur a charge.

#### **NOTE:**

Choosing the "Best of Both Worlds" submission option means submitting your provider as an individual and as a member of a group. The cost of submitting a provider as an individual is separate from the cost of submitting a provider as a part of a group.

#### TIN and NPI Verification

MIPS reporting is accomplished via the Tax Identification Number (TIN). The 2019 MIPS Reporting Dashboard will display each TIN associated with the group.



Below the selected TIN, the Dashboard will display all associated Providers, listed by the National Provider Identifier (NPI).

#### **NOTE:**

Make sure to verify all TIN and NPI information before proceeding.

# Opt-In

Beginning with the 2019 performance period, clinicians and groups that exceed one or two, but not all three, elements of the low-volume threshold are "opt-in eligible" provided they are otherwise eligible for MIPS. To Opt-in, means the Eligible Provider (EP) and/or Group will receive performance feedback and a positive, negative or neutral payment adjustment for the Opt-In Eligible Professional.

The GPM LTC Registry provides an EP or Group the ability to indicate their Opt-In preference in the Authorization section, prior to submission.

- Elections must be confirmed before data can be submitted.
- Once made, an election to opt-in or report voluntarily is <u>final and cannot be reversed</u>.

If the EP is identified by CMS as an 'opt-in eligible clinician', identified by a unique TIN/NPI combination, the EP can opt-in to report as an individual for MIPS. If the EP elects to 'opt-in' he/she will

- Be considered a MIPS eligible clinician and be required to report,
- Receive performance feedback,
- Receive a MIPS payment adjustment (positive, negative, or neutral),
- Be eligible to have their data published on Physician Compare, and;
- Be assessed in the same way as MIPS eligible clinicians who are required to participate in MIPS and are therefore automatically included.

#### Opt-In Eligible Group

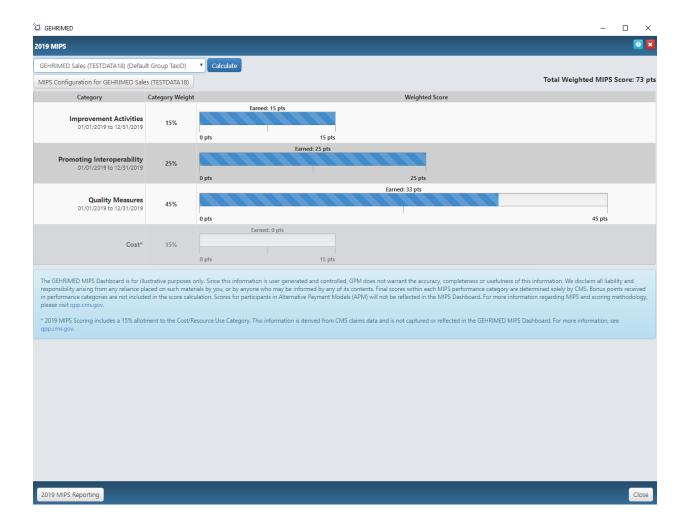
If the Group is identified by CMS as MIPS opt-in eligible and elects to report as a Group, all individual EPs in the group will be treated as a MIPS eligible clinician and will receive the group's score and MIPS payment adjustment.

# 2019 MIPS Reporting Dashboard

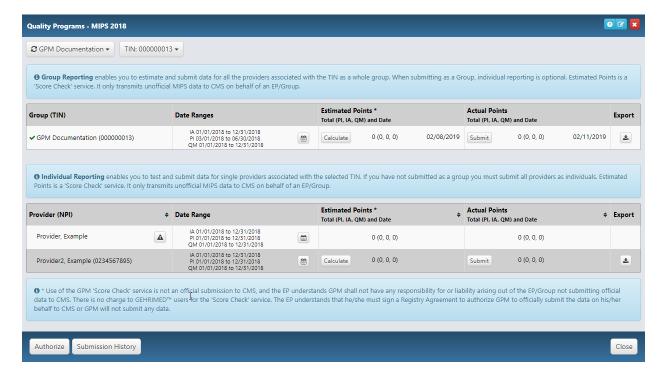
#### NOTE:

Only Group and Company Administrators may access the 2019 MIPS Reporting Dashboard.

To display the 2019 MIPS Reporting Dashboard, access the Quality Reporting window and select the '2019 MIPS Reporting' button.



The 2019 MIPS Reporting Dashboard is displayed:



# **GPM LTC Registry Reporting Options**

## Group, Individual, or Both?

GEHRIMED supports three distinct submission options:

# **Group Reporting**

CMS considers any number of providers greater than 1 under the same TIN as a group. These users may be submitted to CMS under group scoring.

Group Reporting gives an aggregated MIPS score to every NPI reporting under the TIN.

If your group is submitting data for all three MIPS categories (Quality, Improvement Activity, and/or Advancing Care Information) - some Individual NPIs may have higher scores than the Group's aggregate score.

#### Individual Reporting

Individual reporting enables you to submit MIPS data for individuals, which can be beneficial for some high performers.

If the provider also reports for MIPS as an individual, they'll receive the higher of their personal MIPS Score, or the Group's score.

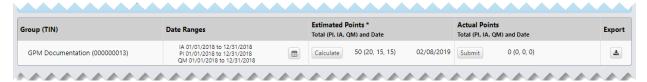
Individual group members who fall below the Group's MIPS score would not report as Individuals - because there would be no benefit.

#### Best of Both Worlds

If your Group is trying to achieve high MIPS Scores, the ability to report two ways is a strategic advantage - you can optimize your total 2021 Part B payment rate by reporting your best performers (anyone above the Group's aggregate score) both as a Group Member, and as an Individual.

#### Scoring

Two scores are available in GEHRIMED, Estimated Points and Actual Points.



#### **Estimated Points**

GEHRIMED enables you to test your submission data and receive a point estimate that will provide some insight into what the final submission score may be. Calculating Estimated Points is free of charge and is not recorded by CMS, however, estimated points only provide an approximation of the Actual Points.

Click 'Calculate' to generate the Estimated Points for a Group or Individual:

#### **Actual Points**

Actual Points are displayed after officially submitting your data to CMS. You may submit your data as many times as you want - only your initial submission is charged. CMS will consider your last submission before the date, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:59:59 EDT your official submission.

#### **NOTE:**

Actual Points are generated from your official submission to CMS and are therefore more accurate than Estimated Points. However, due to the nature of the CMS review of your final, official submission, we cannot guarantee that the Actual Points will be accurate with your final score from CMS. CMS offers the following disclaimer for API Submissions:

Disclaimer: Scoring is subject to change, based on periodic policy updates, eligibility reviews, and technical integration developments.

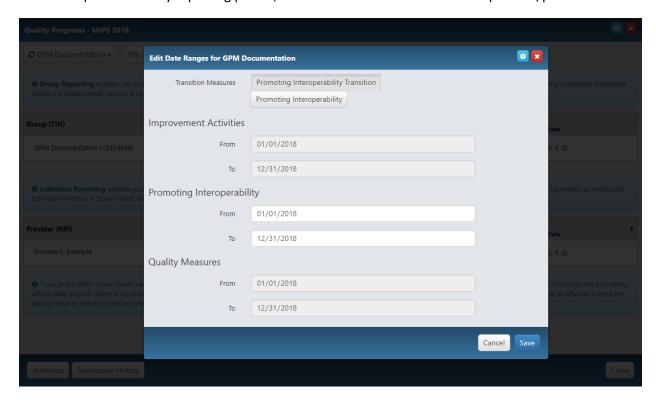
# **Date Ranges**

Date Ranges determine the time period for the provider information submitted to CMS. Date Ranges must be selected for each submission category, and Date Range may be defined at the Group and

Individual level. Date Ranges are not required to overlap. Date Ranges for a Group will apply to every provider submitted as a part of that group.

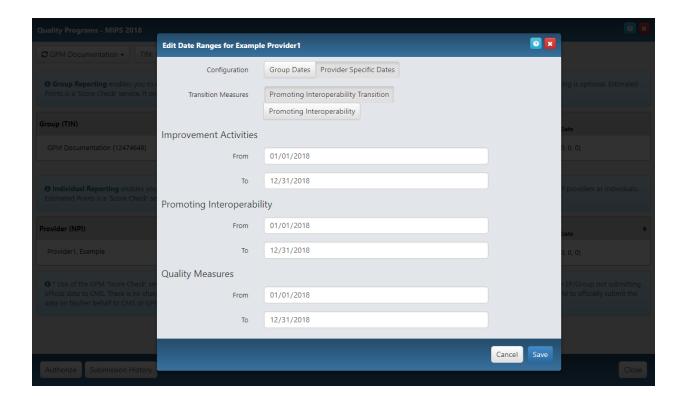
#### **Date Range Requirements:**

- Quality Full Year
- Promoting Interoperability 90 Days Promoting Interoperability
- Improvement Activities date range will automatically default to 1 year. However, CMS only requires a 90-Day reporting period, which must be documented at the practice/provider level.



When submitting a provider as an individual you may use the Group Date by selecting that button, or you may input custom dates specific to the provider.

The Individual Dates must still meet the minimum requirements for submission.



# Authorization

Before submitting data to CMS using GEHRIMED, your Groups and Providers must be authorized. Company and Group Administrators may authorize groups for submissions, but providers will need to log in and authorize in their account before you may submit for them as an individual.

#### Opt-In

If you are identified as a MIPS Eligible Clinician or Group by CMS, the option to "Opt-In" to the program is presented for Groups and/or Individuals when completing the Authorization.



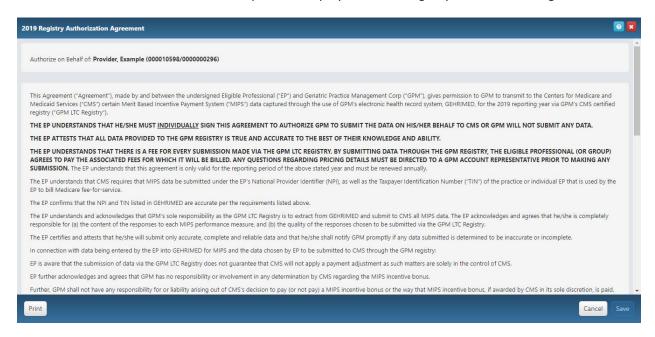
#### Individual Authorization

#### To Complete the 2019 QPP Registry Authorization as an Individual:

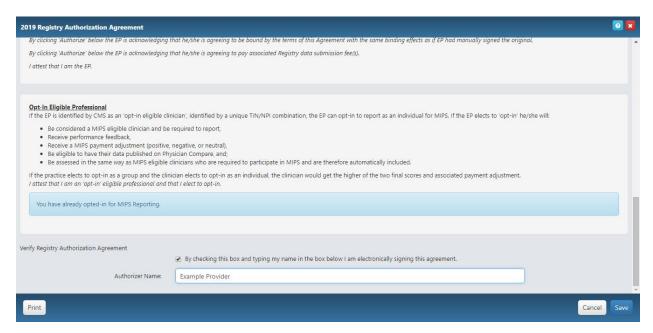
1. Log in to GEHRIMED and open the **Options** menu:



2. Select the QPP Authorization option to display the 2019 Registry Authorization Agreement:

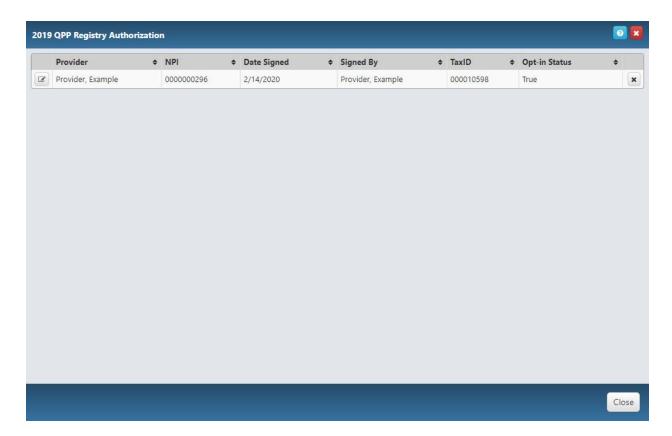


3. Read the Authorization Agreement, select the acknowledgement, and enter your signature:



4. Select **Save** to complete the Authorization.

Once you have authorized, you may view your authorization by selecting the menu option again:



Revoke your authorization by selecting the icon associated with your authorization.

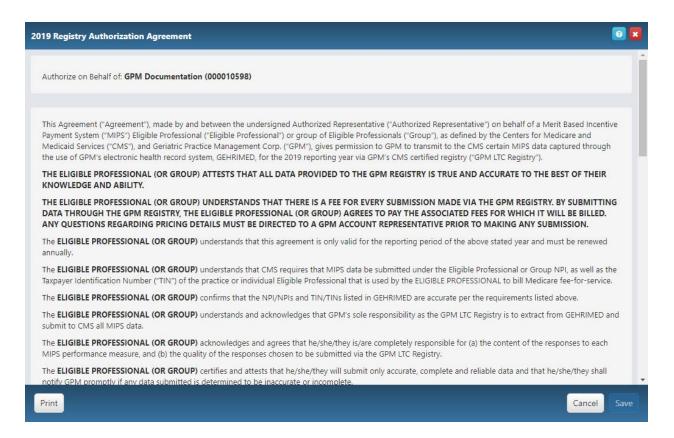
## **Group Authorization**

#### To Complete the 2019 Registry Authorization Agreement for a Group:

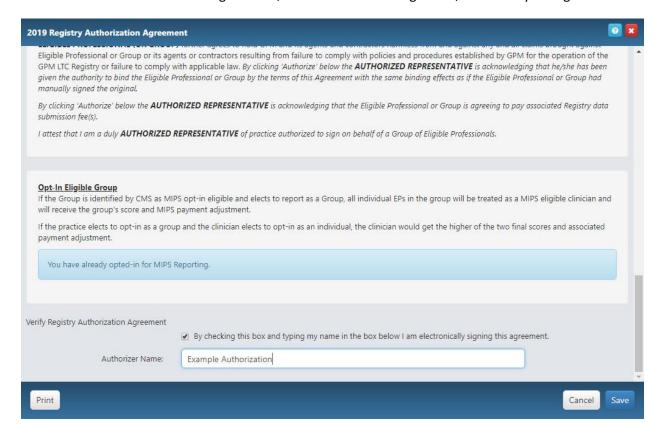
- 1. Access the MIPS 2019 Reporting Dashboard
- 2. Select the 'Authorize' button to display the 2019 QPP Registry Authorization:



3. Select the button to display the Registry Authorization:



4. Read the Authorization Agreement, select the acknowledgement, and enter your signature:



5. Select **Save** to complete the Authorization.

Authorizations may be deleted by selecting the associated icon on the 2019 QPP Registry Authorization page.

# Completing Submission

1. Once you are ready to submit your data, at the Group or Individual level, select the appropriate 'Submit' button.

#### **WARNING:**

Submitting for the first time as a group or individual incurs a monetary cost per provider. *The Submission cost can be applied twice if a provider is submitted to CMS as part of a group and as an individual.* After the first submission there is no cost to submit your group or provider again.

- 2. A icon will be displayed as the data is processed. This may take up to several seconds.
- 3. Once the 'Submit' button returns the new Actual Points score is displayed. Group and Individuals which have been successfully submitted to CMS will include a ✓



Only the last, most recent submission will be considered by CMS as the official score.

# **Submission History**

You may view your total Submission history by selecting the Submission History button on the Submission Window:



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