

Understanding

MIPS

What you need to know
for success.

Merit-based Incentive Payment System

MIPS is a Quality Payment incentive program run by CMS. The program ties payments to high-quality, cost efficient care. The goals of the program include driving improvements in processes and patient outcomes as well as rewarding activities that increase utilization of healthcare data industry-wide.

You are likely
eligible for MIPS

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MIPS performance is calculated based on the data you (or your group) reports within a 'Performance Year' block (Jan 1 - Dec 31 of each calendar year). Your Final MIPS Score is calculated from this data and determines payment modifiers for the *next* calendar year after the submission deadline. Depending on the final score the adjustment may be positive, negative or neutral.



MIPS runs on a 2-year cycle:

Collect data this year > Submit by Mar 31 next year > Payouts are adjusted for the following year.

There are 4 reporting categories that are scored, weighted and then calculated. The output of this equation is your Final MIPS Score:

Quality Measures

Intended to document quality of care. Select six Quality Measures that best fit your practice. These are the only measures you report on.

Promoting Interoperability

Measures effective patient engagement and use of an EHR to document and electronically share information across the care continuum.

Improvement Activities

This category contains an inventory of activities intended to improve patient outcomes. You choose the activities appropriate to your practice from a check-list.

Cost

Calculated by CMS via Medicare claims, assesses you or your group based on cost of care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

How to succeed under MIPS (Avoid penalties; Earn a bonus):

- 1. Don't fear MIPS.** It is possible to demonstrate quality care, interoperability and other MIPS metrics as an LTPAC practice. Utilizing the right tools makes success attainable without creating additional work.
- 2. Do not delay.** Waiting until it is time to submit your Performance Year data is a common pitfall. The work required to backfill 12 months of data is frustrating, time consuming, and costly
- 3. The path to success:** Leverage software (ideally, your EHR) to automate the reporting process *throughout* the year. Periodically check your score in the EHR dashboard to confirm you're on the right track.
- 4. Work smarter, not harder.** With a properly appointed EHR like GPM's GEHRIMED™, there is no need to learn the intricacies that determine MIPS success – they plug and play into your existing workflow.

GEHRIMED

The leading mobile EHR platform built for — and by — LTPAC practitioners.

› **The smart approach to Quality Measures.**

GEHRIMED automatically populates only the measures that are most relevant to LTPAC practices *and can still demonstrate quality.*

› **Prompts to success.**

MIPS has been integrated right in to the encounter workflow. You don't need to learn anything new or change routine; Just follow the prompts.

› **Results at a glance.**

The GEHRIMED MIPS Dashboard keeps a running tally of your MIPS score throughout the year, making it easy to assess your progress quickly.

› **Always up to date.**

GPM keeps up to date with the latest changes from CMS to ensure GEHRIMED is always optimized to help you achieve the maximum score.

› **Expert coaching with proven results.**

80% of GEHRIMED users participating in MIPS qualified for "Exceptional Performer" bonuses during the first years of the program. They are enjoying bonuses this year.

I am a solo practitioner who did not have the time to parse out the MIPS/MA-CRA regulatory morass.

I had given up; thought I would take the reduced revenue penalty for noncompliance. Then I talked to Katie Kelley at GPM. She helped me turn on measures that were built-in to GEHRIMED. I immediately started getting credit for the measures I was already doing at my facilities. I went from thinking I would take a hit to getting a bonus — and it was easy.

- H. Lewis, MD, JD

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