

# CMS Quality Payment Program Performance Period Key Dates

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## 2017

Start of 2017 CMS Quality Payment Program (QPP) performance period for both Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) participants and Advanced Alternative Payment Model (Advanced APM) participants

### By January 1

Final set of Advanced APMs for the 2017 performance period announced on CMS website ([qpp.cms.gov](http://qpp.cms.gov))

Final 2017 payment adjustments go into effect for all clinicians and groups under the Physician Quality Payment System (PQRS), EHR Incentive, and the Value-Based Payment Modifier based on 2015 performance

### October 2

Last day to begin participating in any MIPS category in order for groups and individual clinicians seeking to report a minimum of one continuous 90-day period for 2017\*\*

### November 1

Performance benchmarks for the 2018 MIPS performance period announced

### February 24

Last day that 2016 claims will be processed to be counted for PQRS reporting for the 2018 payment adjustment

### December

Clinicians and groups meeting the 2017 performance year low-volume threshold MIPS exception or non-patient facing status are notified based on their Medicare services provided between Sep 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017\*\*\*

### March 31

First Advanced PM Participation List\* snapshot date for the 2017 performance period

### June 20

Last day for groups to register if they elect to participate in MIPS via the CMS Web Interface or by administering the CAHPS for MIPS survey for the 2017 performance period

### June 30

Second Advanced APM Participation List snapshot date for the 2017 performance period

### August 31

Third APM Participation List snapshot date for the 2017 performance period

\* If a MIPS eligible clinician is not on an APM Entity's Participation List during one of these "snapshot dates," the MIPS eligible clinician will have to meet all standard MIPS reporting requirements and is not eligible for MIPS APM flexibility or Advanced APM Qualifying Participant status.

\*\* If you are reporting via a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), qualified registry, or EHR, your vendor may have a different cut-off date. Consult with your vendor for their specific timeline.

\*\*\* CMS will conduct an initial determination based on data from Sep 1, 2015 to Aug 31, 2016.

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### January 1

Start of 2018 CMS Quality Payment Program (QPP) performance year for both Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) participants and Advanced Alternative Payment Model (Advanced APM) participants

Final 2018 payment adjustments go into effect for all clinicians and groups under the final year of the Physician Quality Payment System (PQRS), EHR Incentive, and the Value-Based Payment Modifier based on 2016 performance

### January 2 - March 31

Deadline for submitting 2017 MIPS performance data to CMS. Advanced APM participants will submit data according to the requirements of their APM

### On or about July 31

CMS provides 2017 MIPS performance period feedback and 2019 payment adjustment determinations to groups and individual clinicians

### July 31 - September 30

Timeframe for requesting a targeted review of a 2019 MIPS payment adjustment determination based on 2017 performance feedback

## 2019

### January 1

First MIPS payment adjustments based on 2017 performance begin to be factored into Medicare Part B payments. Advanced APM Qualifying Participants will receive a lump sum payment equal to 5% of the estimated aggregate payment amounts for Medicare Part B covered professional services provided during the 2018 calendar year.