



MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs) Overview Fact Sheet

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Overview

(Please note: This section is an excerpt from the [2020 Quality Payment Program Final Rule Overview Fact Sheet](#))

In the [Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](#), CMS finalized its [MIPS Value Pathways \(MVPs\)](#), a participation framework that would begin with the 2021 performance period. We recognize stakeholder concerns about this timeline and are committed to a smooth transition to the MVPs that does not immediately eliminate the current MIPS framework.

We will continue to engage with stakeholders to co-develop MVPs, to align with our goal of moving away from siloed performance category activities and measures and moving towards set of measure options more relevant to a clinician's scope of practice that is meaningful to patient care. The MVPs framework aims to align and connect measures and activities across the Quality, Cost, Promoting Interoperability, and Improvement Activities performance categories of MIPS for different specialties or conditions.

In addition, the MVPs framework incorporates a foundation that leverages Promoting Interoperability measures and a set of administrative claims-based quality measures that focus on population health/public health priorities, and reduce reporting. We believe this combination of administrative claims-based measures and specialty/condition specific measures will streamline MIPS reporting, reduce complexity and burden, and improve measurement.

Another key component of the MVPs framework is that we will provide enhanced data and feedback to clinicians. We also intend to analyze existing Medicare information so that we can provide clinicians and patients with more information to improve health outcomes. We believe the MVPs framework will help to simplify MIPS, create a more cohesive and meaningful participation experience, improve value, reduce clinician burden, and better align with APMs to help ease the transition between the two tracks. Implementing the MVPs framework honors our commitment to keeping the patient at the center of our work. In addition to achieving better health outcomes and lowering costs for patients, we anticipate that these MVPs will result in comparable performance data that helps patients make more informed health care decisions.

We know that this will be a significant shift in the way clinicians may potentially participate in MIPS, therefore we want to work closely with clinicians, patients, specialty societies, third parties, and others to establish the MVPs. We want to continue developing the future state of MIPS together with each of you to ensure that we are reducing burden, driving value through meaningful participation, and, most importantly, improving outcomes for patients. We intend to develop MVPs in collaboration with stakeholders and provide opportunities for dialogue and

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additional feedback. We updated the [MVPs webpage](#) on the QPP website, which now includes an [MVPs overview video](#) and will highlight future engagement opportunities.

For More Information

- Visit the [MIPS Value Pathways webpage](#) on the [QPP Website](#)
- View the [MIPS Value Pathways Diagrams](#)
- Watch the [MIPS Value Pathways: The Future of MIPS](#) video
- Review the [2020 QPP Final Rule Executive Summary](#) for an overview of the policies established in the Final Rule.

Version History Table

DATE	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
11/25/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated language to reflect the 2020 PFS Final Rule policies and removed list of RFI questions following the close of the RFI.• Transferred content to MVPs design template.
9/25/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On page 2, removed redundant question: <i>Should clinicians and groups be able to self-select an MVP or if an MVP should be assigned. If assigned, what is the best way to assign an MVP – should it be based on place of service codes, specialty designation on Part B claims, or in the case of groups, should the assigned MVP(s) be based on the specialty designation of the majority of clinicians in the group, specific services, or other factors?</i>• Added links to the MIPS Value Pathways webpage on pages 1 and 7.
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