

Prepping for MIPS 2020

How to Avoid the 9% Penalty by Reporting MIPS in 2020

45 Points Needed: CMS increased the number of points a clinician (or group) must earn to avoid the MIPS penalty for the 2020 reporting year. The performance threshold for 2020 is 45 points.

Payment Adjustments for 2020 Performance Year are Based on MIPS Final Score

This table shows the payment adjustment a clinician (or group) will receive based on the MIPS final score.

MIPS Final Score	Payment Adjustment
0 – 11.25 points	Negative 9%
11.26 – 44.99	Negative between 0.01% and 8.99%
45	No payment adjustment
45.01 – 84.99	Positive between 0.01% and 9%
85 – 100	Positive between 0.01% and 9% plus a minimum 0.5% Bonus

MIPS Total Score

In 2020, the four performance categories are worth the same percentage of the total MIPS score as they were in 2019. The weight of a category may change if a clinician (or group) qualifies for a category exclusion(s) and/or a Hardship Exception is approved.

Quality	+	Cost	+	IA	+	PI	=	MIPS
score weight		score weight		score weight		score weight		total score
45 MIPS pts		15 MIPS pts		15 MIPS pts		25 MIPS pts		100 pts

Earn 45 Points & Avoid a Penalty (Claims-Based)

Report 2 categories (Quality and IA) and have PI category reweighted to zero

Report on 6 Quality Measures

- **2 measures need to meet the 70% data completeness** requirement, while **4 measures do not**.
- **At least 4 points** are needed for the 2 measures meeting data completeness.
- **3 points** are awarded for the 4 measures that did not meet data completeness.
- Quality measures can be submitted using any method, including claims.
- Full credit for the IA category is needed by submitting one high weight or 2 medium weight activities.
- Re-weighting the PI to zero – look for updates in summertime from CMS

QM 1	+	QM 2	+	QM 3	+	QM 4	+	QM 5	+	QM 6	+	Small Practice Bonus	=	26
3 pts		3 pts		3 pts		3 pts		4 pts		4 pts		6 pts		

$26/60 = .43 \times .70$ (increased weight of 70%) = 30.3 MIPS points for Quality category

30.3 pts (Quality category) + 15 pts (IA category) = 45.3 pts MIPS total score