

Prepping for MIPS 2021

How to Avoid the 9% Penalty by Reporting MIPS in 2021

60 Points Needed: CMS increased the number of points a clinician (or group) must earn to avoid the MIPS penalty for the 2021 reporting year. The performance threshold for 2021 is 60 points.

Payment Adjustments for 2021 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 – 15 points	Negative 9%
15.01 – 59.99	Negative between 0.01% and 8.99%
60	No payment adjustment
60.01 – 84.99	Positive adjustment >0%
85 – 100	Positive adjustment >0% plus a minimum 0.5% Bonus

MIPS Total Score

In 2021, the quality and cost categories changed while the IA and PI stayed the same percentage of the total MIPS score as they were in 2020. 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 score weight 40 MIPS pts	+	Cost score weight 20 MIPS pts	+	IA score weight 15 MIPS pts	+	PI score weight 25 MIPS pts	=	MIPS total score 100 pts
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Earn 60 Points & Avoid a Penalty (Claims-Based)

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

Report on 6 Quality Measures

- **3 measures need to meet the 70% data completeness** requirement, while **3 measures do not**.
- **At least 24 points** are needed **combined** for the 3 measures meeting data completeness.
- **3 points** are awarded for the 3 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	=	42
3 pts		3 pts		3 pts		8 pts		8 pts		8 pts		6 pts		

$42/60 = .70 \times .65$ (increased weight of 65%) = 45.5 MIPS points for Quality category

45.5 pts (Quality category) + 15 pts (IA category) = 60.3 pts MIPS total score