

APM Performance Pathway for MIPS APM Participants in 2021

Beginning with the 2021 performance year, [MIPS APM](#) participants have the option to participate in MIPS via the **APM Performance Pathway (APP)**, a single, pre-determined measure set similar to the [MIPS Value Pathways \(MVPs\)](#).

What Are the Features of the APP?



CMS designed the APP measure set to reflect the diversity of practice types that exist among APM participants, even within the same APM Entity.



The APP provides predictable and consistent MIPS reporting requirements.



Participation is optional.¹ MIPS APM participants may choose to participate under traditional MIPS reporting and scoring if they'd prefer.



Participants may report the APP at the individual, group, or APM Entity level.



CMS will award the highest available score. For example, if your APM Entity reports on the APP and your group reports under traditional MIPS, you will receive whichever of the 2 scores is higher.²

What Are the Reporting Requirements Under the APP?



Quality
50% of MIPS Final Score



Promoting Interoperability
30% of MIPS Final Score
Same reporting as traditional MIPS



Improvement Activities
20% of MIPS Final Score
Automatic full credit in 2021



Cost
0% of MIPS Final Score
No requirements

APP participants will be scored on the following quality measure set:

- CAHPS for MIPS (Quality ID: 321)
- Hospital-Wide, 30-day, All-Cause Unplanned Readmission (HWR) Rate for MIPS Eligible Clinician Groups (Quality ID: 479)
- Risk Standardized, All-Cause Unplanned Admissions for Multiple Chronic Conditions for ACOs (Quality ID: 480)
- Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (Quality ID: 001)*
- Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan (Quality ID: 134)*
- Controlling High Blood Pressure (Quality ID: 236)*

* Note: For the 2021 performance year only, Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs have the option to report the 10 CMS Web Interface measures in place of these 3 measures (001, 134, 236) in the APP.

¹ Beginning in 2021, the APP will be required for all Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs. All quality data reported via the APP will be used to calculate Medicare Shared Savings Program scores, and quality measure scores between the 2 programs will be identical.

² Please note: If you participate in a virtual group, you will receive a final score based on the performance of the virtual group, even if you have a higher score through another means of participation.