

MACRA

How to Avoid the Penalty in 2019

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What is MACRA?



Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act
(Replaces SGR)



What is at Stake?



4 % penalty in CMS 2019 payments



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- ➔ **Based on Two New Reimbursement Structures:**
 - ➔ Merit-Based Incentive Payment (MIPS)
 - ➔ Alternative Payment Models
 - ➔ Advanced Alternative Payment Model

What is the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)?

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- ➔ Eligible Professionals Will be Measured On:
 - ➔ Quality reporting
 - ➔ Improvement Activities
 - ➔ Advancing Care Information

What are the Performance Category Weights?

Weights assigned to each category based on a 1 to 100 point scale

Transition Year Weights

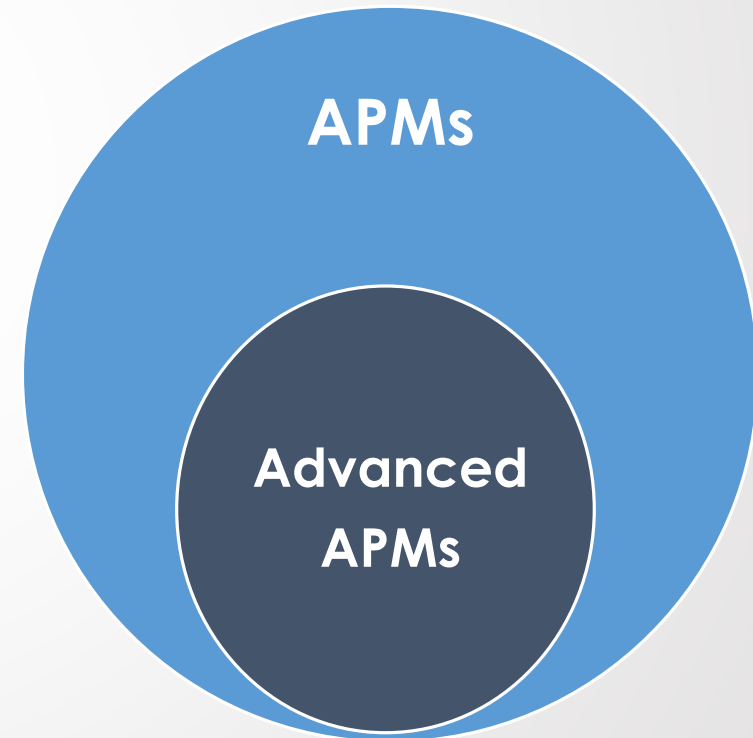


Note: These are default weights; the weights can be adjusted in certain circumstances

Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

- A payment approach that provides added incentives to clinicians to provide high-quality and cost-efficient care.
- Can apply to a specific condition, care episode or population.
- May offer significant opportunities for eligible clinicians who are not ready to participate in Advanced APMs.

Advanced APMs are a Subset of APMs



Advanced Alternative Payment Models

Clinicians and practices can:

- Receive **greater rewards** for taking on some risk related to patient outcomes.

Advanced APMs



Advanced APM-specific rewards

+



5% lump sum incentive

It is important to understand that the Quality Payment Program does not change the design of any particular APM. Instead, it creates **extra incentives** for a sufficient degree of participation in Advanced APMs.

The Quality Payment Program provides **additional** rewards for participating in APMs.

Not in
APM

MIPS adjustments

In APM

MIPS adjustments

+

APM-specific
rewards

In **Advanced**
APM

APM-specific
rewards

+

5% lump sum
bonus

If you are a
**Qualifying APM
Participant
(QP)**

=

Potential financial
rewards

