



# MACRA / MIPS TOOL KIT

## Assessment & Action Plan

**Did you know that MIPS eligible clinicians who do not submit data in 2017 will receive an automatic 4% penalty in 2019?**

**Request your MACRA/MIPS Tool Kit by contacting Alison Elsner / SBCMS at 909-273-6000 or aelsner@sbcms.org.**

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**This toolkit is essential to help:**

- Ensure that eligible clinicians avoid a negative payment adjustment
- Offer an opportunity to receive a modest positive adjustment

### **About MACRA**

MACRA, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, is a payment reform law that establishes new ways to pay physicians for healthcare services provided to Medicare patients. Basically, it repeals the Medicare *Part B* SGR (Sustainable Growth Rate) reimbursement formula, replacing it with a new value-based system called QPP (Quality Payment Program).

**The QPP consists of two major tracks:**

- The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
- Alternative Payment Models (APMS)

QPP combines the previous incentive programs (PQRS: Physician Quality Reporting System, VBM: Value Based Modifier, and MU: Meaningful Use also known as Medicare Electronic Health Record) into the program called MIPS: Merit-Based Incentive Payment System.

Most clinicians will participate in MIPS, as it is effectively the "new default" for *Part B*, where few are exempt from MIPS except under a few conditions. Basically, Medicare reimbursement is evolving from volume billing to value billing.

### **About MIPS**

MIPS, the Merit-Based Incentive Payment Program, has a series of goals (measures) to ensure that providers are moving towards patient centered care and improved outcomes.

MIPS defines four categories of eligible clinician performance, weighted by percentage, which contributes to an annual MIPS final score. (2017 scores determine 2019 payment adjustments):

- Quality
- Advancing Care Information (ACI, renamed from Meaningful Use)
- Improvement Activities (IA)
- Cost

MIPS offers much more flexibility than past plans, making it easier for clinicians to evaluate the measures and select only the ones relevant to each practice, creating a higher likelihood of favorable adjustments.

***Order your MACRA/MIPS Tool Kit today! LET US HELP!***

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