

# MACRA Update: The Top 8 For 2018

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## MACRA



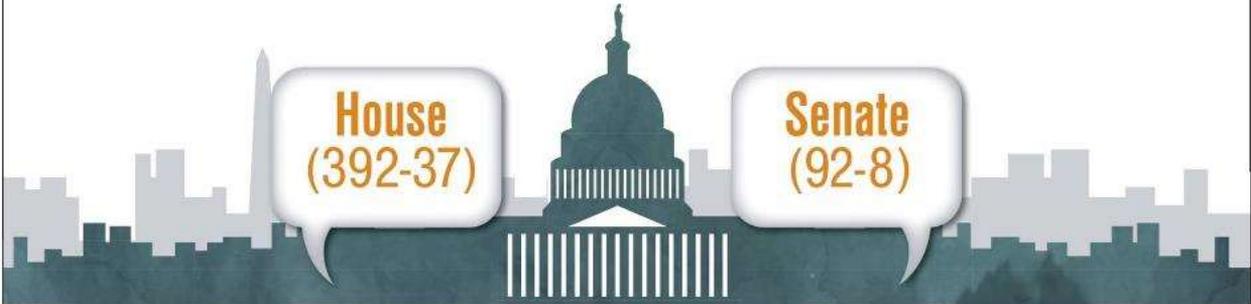
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# MACRA vs. QPP?

- MACRA
  - Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
- QPP
  - Quality Payment Program

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## Landmark Legislation Alters How Medicare Will Reimburse Physicians



House  
(392-37)

Senate  
(92-8)

# What Does MACRA Do?

## Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

- Consolidates quality programs

## Advanced Alternative Payment Models (AAPM)

- Potential for bonus payment for participation

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# MIPS Performance Categories



Quality



Cost



Advancing  
Care  
Information  
(ACI)



Improvement  
Activities

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# Weighting Progression

	2017	2018	2019
Quality	60%	50%	30%
Cost	0%	10%	30%
Advancing Care Information	25%	25%	25%
Improvement Activities	15%	15%	15%

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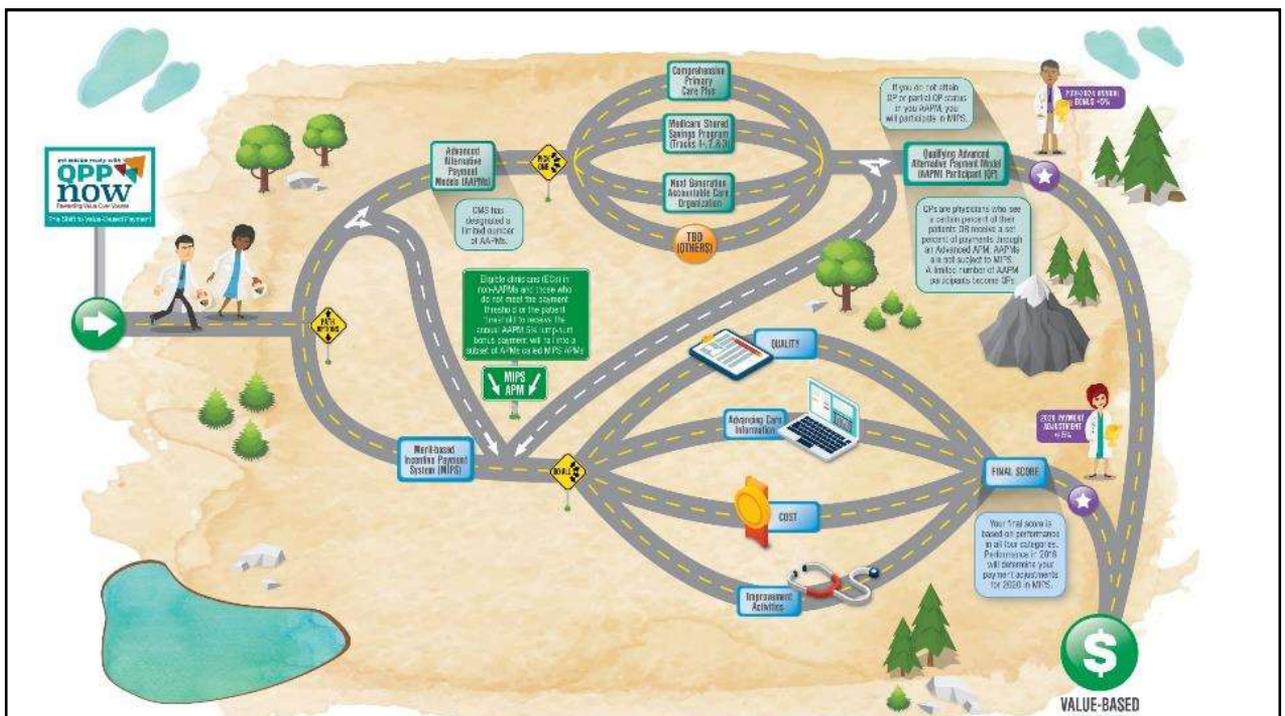
# Advanced APMs Perks

- Not subject to MIPS
- 5% bonus 2019-2024
- Higher fee schedule update to 0.75% from 2026 onward

# 2017 Primary Care Advanced APMs

- Shared Savings Program (Tracks 2 & 3)
- Next Generation ACO Model
- Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+)
- Vermont Medicare ACO Initiative (as part of the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model)

\*2018 AAPMs announce as approved



# Update #1: Low-volume Threshold

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## Low-volume Threshold

- 2017:  $\leq 100$  Medicare Part B beneficiaries, or received \$30,000 or less in Medicare Part B payments
- 2018:  $\leq 200$  Medicare Part B beneficiaries, or received \$90,000 or less in Medicare Part B payments

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# Low Volume Threshold

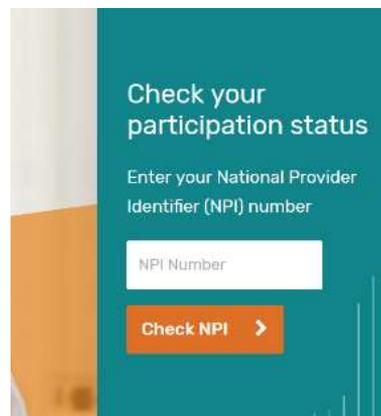


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# Low-volume Threshold

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a CMS Look-Up Tool for clinicians to verify their MIPS-eligibility status by entering their National Provider Identifier (NPI) number

[qpp.cms.gov](https://qpp.cms.gov)



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# Update #2: Virtual Groups

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## Virtual Groups



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# Virtual Groups

Those who fall below the low volume threshold can participate in virtual groups, but will not receive a payment adjustment (either positive or negative)



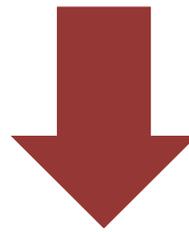
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## Update 3#: Cost

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# Cost

- 2017- Cost 0% of the MIPS final score
- 2018- Cost accounts for **10%** MIPS final score
- 2019- Cost will account for 30% for the MIPS final score

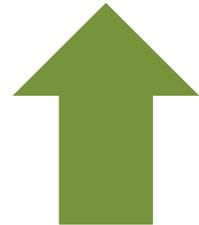


# Quality

2017: 60%  
2018: 50%  
2019: 30%

# Cost

2017: 0%  
2018: 10%  
2019: 30%



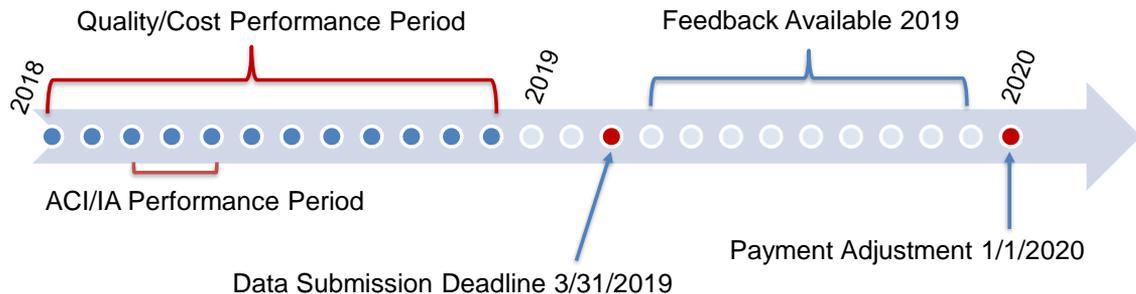
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## Update #4: Performance Period

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# Performance Period

- 2017- Pick Your Pace
- 2018 – Quality/Cost (Full Year) | ACI/ IA (90 Days)



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## Update #5: Improvement Activities (IA) and PCMH

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## IA and PCMH

- 2017: One member of the TIN could have PCMH “recognition” for 100% IA credit
- 2018: 50% of TIN members need PCMH “recognition” for the TIN to receive full IA credit

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## IA and PCMH

- Recognized/Certified still defined as: NCQA, AAAHC, TJC, URAC, and Accrediting bodies that have certified 500 or more practices
- IA still account for 15% of MIPS final score



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# Update #6: Bonus Points

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## Small Practice Bonus Points

- Small practices: 15 or fewer
- Five points added to MIPS Final Score
- Must submit data in at least one MIPS category

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# Complex Patient Bonus Points

$$\text{Average HCC Risk Score} + \left[ \frac{\text{\# of Dual Eligible}}{\text{Total Medicare Patients Seen}} \right] \times 5 = \text{Complex Patient Bonus Points (Max. 5)}$$

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# Complex Patient Bonus Points

$$\text{Avg. HCC Risk Score } 1.5 + \left[ \frac{\text{Dual Eligible Ratio } 200}{1000} = .20 \right] \times 5 = \text{2.5 Bonus Points}$$

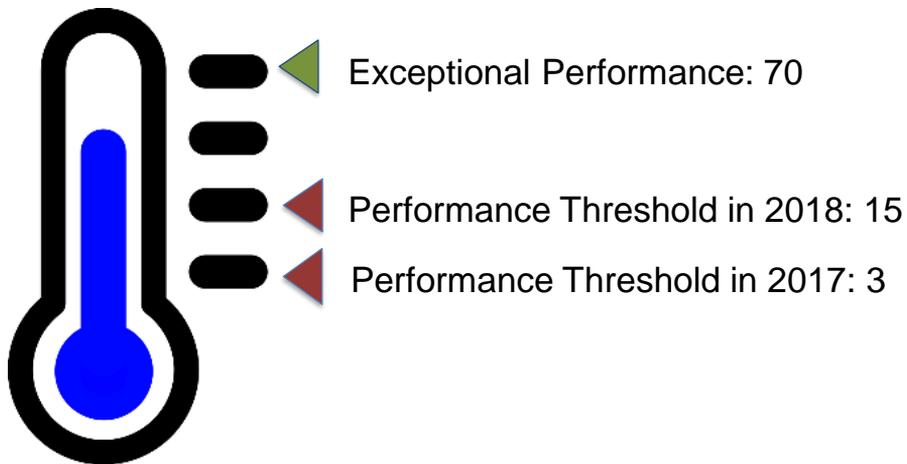
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# Update #7

## Performance Threshold

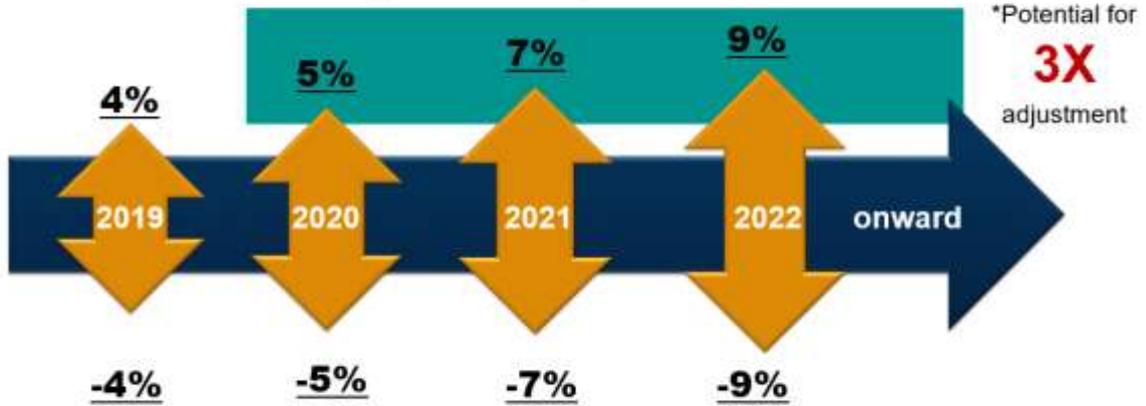
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## Performance Threshold



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# Adjust Payments



*\*Adjustment to provider's base rate of Medicare Part B payment*

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## Update #8 Employed Physicians and Residents

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# Employed Physicians and Residents

- **MIPS scores follow you**
- MIPS scores are publicly available
- Consider a practice's MIPS score as you evaluate employment contracts



\*More information in the FPM Employed Physician Supplement

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## Resources Available

- [aafp.org/MACRAREady](http://aafp.org/MACRAREady)
- [qpp.cms.gov](http://qpp.cms.gov)
- FPM
- TCPI: [aafp.org/tcpi](http://aafp.org/tcpi)
- QPP Service Center: 866-288-8292

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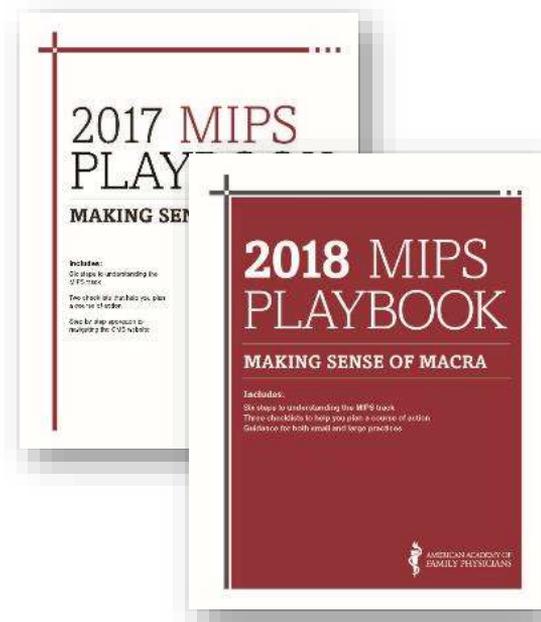
# MIPS Playbook

Step-by-Step guide to help:

- Understand MIPS reporting requirements
- Provides checklists and actionable steps
- Prepare for successful performance in the QPP

Available at

[www.aafp.org/MACRAREady](http://www.aafp.org/MACRAREady)



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# Questions?

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