

Top 10 list for Quality Payment Program Participation in 2018



1. Meet the Threshold to Avoid Penalties. The minimum score you must achieve in 2018 to avoid a reimbursement penalty in 2020 is 15 points. This can include points in any one or more of the three reportable QPP categories – quality, advancing care information, and improvement activities. Enter your National Provider Identifier (NPI) [here](#) to check your QPP participation status.



2. Documentation is important. Evaluate your current documentation processes to ensure that you can collect the data you need for quality measures. And be sure to check the [QPP documentation requirements](#) for Advancing Care Information and Improvement Activities [use the “MIPS Data Validation Criteria” link and download the zip file].



3. Earn Bonus Points. Understand the exceptions and bonus points for [small and/or rural practices](#). Small practices (15 or fewer eligible clinicians) have decreased requirements in the IA category and receive extra points for participating in MIPS. All practices are eligible for bonus points for “complex patients.”



4. Make QOPI work for you. Explore the [quality measures](#) on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website and identify which measures best fit your practice. Many of the measures in the General Oncology Measure Set are included in ASCO's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) Reporting Registry. Consider using a qualified registry (QR) or qualified clinical data registry (QCDR) to extract and submit your quality data. The QOPI Reporting Registry, brought to you by ASCO and ASTRO, is your one-stop shop for quality reporting and attestation for ACI and Improvement Activities. [Click here](#) for more details.



5. Use the Most Up-to-date Technology. Check that your electronic health record (EHR) is certified by the Office of the National Coordinator. For 2017 and 2018, you may use an EHR certified to either 2014 or 2015 standards; in 2018 you will receive bonus points for using 2015 CEHRT. And remember that you must perform a security analysis to pass the [Advancing Care Information \(ACI\) requirements](#).



6. Review the Improvement Activities on the QPP website. See which activities best fit your practice. Participation in ASCO quality programs will help to meet these requirements. Review the [ASCO crosswalk](#) for qualifying activities.



7. Understand how you are performing. Obtain your 2017 MIPS Performance Feedback Report, available July 1, 2018. While cost is not included in the scoring in 2017, it is measured and will be reported in your performance feedback, along with the quality category. Cost is included in the scoring beginning in 2018 so be prepared.



8. Ensure data accuracy. Review your feedback reports and ensure that they are correct. It is also important to review the [National Provider Identifier \(NPI\)](#) for each provider in your practice and ensure they are accurate with the correct specialty, address, and group affiliation.



9. Get Credit for Participating in Alternative Payment Models. Evaluate your payer relationships and begin discussions about value-based reimbursement and alternative payment models. Are you participating in an ACO? This will impact your QPP participation. [Click here](#) for more information.



10. Prepare your practice and staff for value-based care. Is your practice culturally and operationally prepared for the shift to value-based payment models? Are your practice policies and procedures in line with value-based care models and the Quality Payment Program? [ASCO Consulting Services & Support](#) provides services to help practices transform for new value-based care and payment models.