

Now Available: 2026 MIPS Payment Adjustment Information

The Centers for Medicare & Medicare Services (CMS) has released Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) payment adjustment information for the 2024 performance period/2026 MIPS payment year.

- · Your 2024 MIPS final score determines the MIPS payment adjustment you'll receive in 2026.
- A positive, negative, or neutral payment adjustment will be applied to the Medicare paid amount for covered professional services furnished in 2026.

Access Your MIPS Payment Adjustment

- Sign in to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website using the same credentials that allowed you to submit your 2024 MIPS data and check your 2024 MIPS final score. Refer to the QPP Access User Guide (ZIP, 4MB) for more information.
- · Click "View Feedback" on the home page and select your organization (Practice, Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entity, Virtual Group).
- o Practice representatives can access individual, subgroup, and group performance feedback (final scores and payment adjustments).
- o APM Entity representatives can access APM Entity-level performance feedback (final scores and payment adjustments).
- o Virtual group representatives can access virtual group-level performance feedback (final scores and payment adjustments).
- o Third party representatives can't access final feedback or payment adjustment information.

If you don't have a HARP account or QPP role, please refer to the **Register for a HARP Account** (re: HARP account) and **Connect to an Organization** (re: QPP role) documents in the QPP Access User Guide (ZIP, 4MB) and start the process now.

Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)

Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs are encouraged to identify at least one individual within your ACO who can obtain a HARP account with the Security Official role; additional

individuals may request the Staff User role. ACO individuals can create and manage their HARP account and QPP access in the <u>ACO Management System (ACO-MS)</u>.

Contact your ACO to find out how you can obtain a HARP account via ACO-MS. If you have any questions, please contact the ACO Information Center at SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov or 1-888-734-6433 (Option 1).

REMINDER: Representatives of Shared Savings Program ACO Participant Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) and practices with clinicians receiving their APM Entity's final score **won't** be able to access the APM Entity's performance feedback unless they've been granted the "staff user" QPP role for the APM Entity.

Payment Adjustment and Performance Feedback Resources:

- <u>2026 MIPS Payment Year Payment Adjustment User Guide (PDF, 2MB)</u> Reviews information about the calculation and application of MIPS payment adjustments, and answers frequently asked questions.
- <u>2024 MIPS Performance Feedback FAQs (PDF, 2MB)</u> Reviews the information available in performance feedback and how to access it. (We're in the process of updating this resource with the Targeted Review deadline.)
- 2024 MIPS Performance Feedback Supplemental Reports Guide (PDF, 833KB) Reviews the downloadable supplemental and patient-level reports for administrative claims quality and cost measures.
- <u>2024 Quality and Cost Benchmarks</u> Links to quality and cost measure benchmarks and supporting documentation. (Benchmarks determine measure scores.)

2024 Targeted Review Request Period Open Until November 14, 2025[1]

Beginning with the 2024 performance period/2026 MIPS payment year, the targeted review period closes 30 days following the release of MIPS payment adjustments (refer to $\underline{42 \text{ CFR}}$ $\underline{414.1385(a)(2)}$).

Who Can Request a Targeted Review?

Individual clinicians, groups, subgroups, virtual groups, APM Entities (including Shared Savings Program ACOs), designated support staff and authorized third party intermediaries may request that CMS review their MIPS final score and MIPS payment adjustment factor through a process called targeted review.

When to Request a Targeted Review



Review your MIPS performance feedback, including your MIPS final score and payment adjustment factor(s), on the <u>Quality Payment Program website</u>. If you believe there's an error in the calculation of your MIPS final score or MIPS payment adjustment factor, you can request a targeted review **now until November 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET**. Be advised that our ability to respond to inquiries and resolve requests will be delayed in most cases until normal government operations resume.

Examples of circumstances that could prompt a Targeted Review:

- · Data were submitted under the wrong TIN or National Provider Identifier (NPI).
- You have Qualifying APM Participant (QP) status and shouldn't receive a MIPS payment adjustment.
- Performance categories weren't automatically reweighted even though you qualify for reweighting due to extreme and uncontrollable circumstances.

Note: This isn't a comprehensive list of circumstances.

How to Request a Targeted Review

To access your MIPS final score, performance feedback and request a targeted review:

- Sign in using your HARP credentials (ACO-MS credentials for Shared Savings Program ACOs); these are the same credentials that allowed you to submit your 2024 MIPS data and check your 2024 final score.
- Click "Targeted Review" on the left-hand navigation.

CMS may require documentation to support a targeted review request, which varies by circumstance. A CMS representative will contact you about providing any specific documentation required.

- <u>2024 Targeted Review User Guide (PDF, 2MB)</u> Reviews the process for requesting a targeted review and examples for when you would or wouldn't request a targeted review. (We're in the process of updating this resource with the Targeted Review deadline.)
- [1] Note: The federal government shutdown doesn't affect your ability to submit a targeted review request by the above deadline, however it may affect our response time to resolve your request.