



2022 Top MIPS Finalized Changes

Below is a quick rundown of some major finalized MIPS changes relevant to what we use in our specialties. Most finalized changes will be effective in 2022, unless otherwise specified. Names of measures and activities are abbreviated.

Overall Top Finalized Changes:

- Avoid the penalty at 75 pts, receive exceptional provider bonus at 89 pts.
- New small practice PI hardship reweighting policies redistribute more weight to IA than to Quality.
- Implementation of new reporting model “MVP” delayed to 2023.
- 2021 COVID-19 hardships will be application-based only.

Top Finalized Changes by Category:

Quality (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of outcome/high priority and end-to-end reporting bonuses in 2022. • For new measures: 7-point floor for 1st year in MIPS; 5-point floor for 2nd year in MIPS. • One new administrative claims-based measure (not relevant to your specialty). • Changes to existing measures are mostly clarifications or removals. • 2023: Removal of 3-pt floor. Measures will be scored 1-10 pts. Small practices keep 3-pt floor.
PI (25%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic PI reweighting for small practices if no PI data is submitted. • New attestation requires annual SAFER High Priority Practices self-assessment. • Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange Objective Change: would require <i>both</i> Immunization Registry and Electronic Case Reporting (exclusions available). Attest to 1 other measure for 5 bonus pts (if reporting on objective’s required measures).
IA (15%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven new IAs, including Promoting Clinician Well-Being (high-weighted). • 15 changes to existing IAs (Engagement of New Medicaid Patients and Follow-up).
Cost (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five new episode-based Cost measures (relevant: Melanoma Resection, Diabetes).

Quality Measure Finalized Changes:

Ophthalmology

ID	Name	Measure Specific
14	AMD Dilated Macular Exam	-Removed from Claims because it is at the end of topped-out lifecycle. -Maintained in MIPS CQM collection type.
19	DR Communication	-Maintained for all collection types (removal not finalized). -CMS alluded to possible future measure modification or removal.
117	Diabetes Eye Exam	-Added guidance to allow interpretation using AI. -Added denominator exclusion for patients receiving palliative care.
191	Cataract Surgery 20/40 VA	-Denominator exclusion removed: episcleritis. -Denominator exclusion added: homonymous bilateral field defects and generalized contraction of visual field. -eCQM denominator exclusion: visual cortex disorders in inflammatory disorders. -MIPS CQM denominator exclusion: Sector or arcuate defects, other localized visual field defects, heteronymous bilateral field defects.

General/Other

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1	Diabetes HbA1C	Added denominator exclusion for patients receiving palliative care during the performance year.
110	Flu Immunization	For eCQM, updated measure guidance to capture patient self-reported immunization and ensure it was during the flu season.
111	Pneumococcal Vaccination	-Patient age range to be 66+ years (previously 65+ years). -Measure numerator revised to require vaccination on or after the patient's 60 th birthday or before the end of the performance year. -Only the PPSV23 vaccine will be acceptable (new ACIP guidance).
112	Breast Cancer Screening	Added denominator exclusion for patients receiving palliative care during the performance year.
113	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Added denominator exclusion for patients receiving palliative care during the performance year.
154	Falls: Risk Assessment	Removed from MIPS because it has reached the end of the topped-out lifecycle.
226	Tobacco Use	Screening and intervention will have to occur during the measurement period instead of within 12 months.
236	Controlling High BP	-Essential hypertension timing now "starting before and continuing into, or starting during the first six months" of the performance year. -Added clarification: that patient obtained blood pressure readings captured via non-digital devices are not acceptable. -Added denominator exclusion: patients receiving palliative care during the performance year. -eCQM denominator exclusion removal: kidney transplant donor.
238	Use of High-Risk Meds	-Making this a multi-performance rate measure. The rate that determines your measure score is unchanged. -eCQM will have three rates to report, MIPS CQM will report the first two rates: 1. Percentage of patients 65+ who were ordered at least 2 high-risk medications from the same drug class. 2. Percentage of patients 65+ who were ordered at least 2 high-risk medications from the same drug class, except for appropriate diagnoses. 3. Total rate.
317	High BP Screening and Follow-Up	Maintained for all collection types (removal not finalized).
318	Falls Screening	eCQM: Updated denominator exclusion: patients who are in hospice care for any part of the measurement period.
374	Closing the Referral Loop	MIPS CQMs Specification Clarification: the first referral for a patient should be used for assessing if the referral loop was closed.

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