



Quality Payment Program

MIPS: Improvement Activities Category

Improvement Activities (IA) is a new CMS category that includes Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) activities with 90+ activities under 9 subcategories to choose from that are focused on care coordination, beneficiary engagement and patient safety.

This category is weighted at 15%.

REPORTING

9 Subcategories

Expanded Practice Access	Beneficiary Engagement	Achieving Health Equity
Population Management	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	Emergency Preparedness and Response
Care Coordination	Participation in an APM, including a medical home model	Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health

SCORING

Base Score = 40 points

No clinician or group has to attest to more than 4 activities. Activities are weighted as either high or medium. Clinicians may choose any combination of these activities to meet the **40 point total requirement** in this category.

Activity Weights: Clinicians must reach a total of 40 points to receive full credit in this category. However, depending on your practice size, the weighting of high and medium activities will vary.

<p>If your practice has 15 or less clinicians, or you are a hospitalist:</p> <p>High measures = 40 points Medium measures = 20 points</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Example</td> <td>Reported Activities</td> <td>Points</td> <td rowspan="3">OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>H</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>M M</td> <td>40</td> </tr> </table>	Example	Reported Activities	Points	OR	1	H	40	2	M M	40	<p>If your practice has more than 15 clinicians:</p> <p>High measures = 20 points Medium measures = 10 points</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Example</td> <td>Reported Activities</td> <td>Points</td> <td rowspan="3">OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>H H</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>H M M</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>M M M M</td> <td>40</td> </tr> </table>	Example	Reported Activities	Points	OR	1	H H	40	2	H M M	40	3	M M M M	40	<p>Clinicians who participate in a patient-centered medical home (i.e., Memorial Hermann MSSP ACO), Medical Home Model, or similar specialty practice will automatically receive full credit for the ACI category. No additional submission required.</p>
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Pick Your Pace: Improvement Activities (IA) category

'Pace' Option:	How Long You Need to Report:	Minimum Reporting Requirements:	Estimated Scoring:
	Minimum of 90 consecutive days. While not mandatory, the reporting goal is a full year for a potentially higher percentage payment adjustment.	Complete activities required for the full 40 points.	15 points (Full credit) $(40 \text{ potential points} \div 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 (\% \text{ category weight}) = 15 \text{ points}$
	Minimum of 90 consecutive days starting on or before October 1, 2017.	Complete activities required for half the points (20 points vs 40 points).	7.5 points (Half credit) $(20 \text{ potential points} \div 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 (\% \text{ category weight}) = 7.5 \text{ points}$
	Report nothing	Report nothing	0 points* $(0 \text{ potential points} \div 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 (\% \text{ category weight}) = 0 \text{ points}$

*If not reporting in this category, then do not forget to report, at the minimum, 1 measure, one time in the Quality category to earn at least 3 total points and avoid negative MIPS payment adjustments.