

2017 MIPS Performance Category Fact Sheet



IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES (New Program)

Full Participation Requirements for MIPS-Eligible CRNAs:

For patient-facing CRNAs:

- Try to complete and up to 4 activities that add up to a total of 40 points
- Activities weighted as “high” are worth 20 points and activities weighted as “medium” are worth 10 points

For CRNAs who are non-patient-facing, in groups with fewer than 15 participants, or in a rural or health professional shortage area:

- Try to complete and report up to 2 activities that add up to a total of 40 points
- Activities are worth double points: “high” weighted are 40 points and “medium” weighted are 20 points

DEFINITIONS

Patient-facing encounters: instances in which the MIPS eligible clinician or group bills for general office visits, outpatient visits, and procedure codes. The definition does not include traditional anesthesia billing codes.

Non-patient facing individual: CRNA that bills 100 or fewer patient-facing encounters during the performance period.

Non-patient facing group: more than 75% of the clinicians billing under the group’s Taxpayer Identification Number meet the definition of a non-patient facing individual.

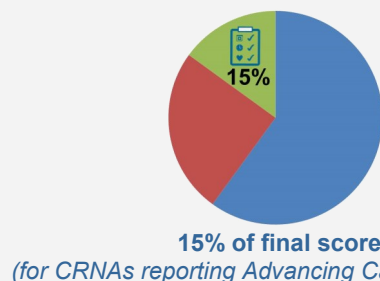
Activity	Weight
Implementation of regular care coordination training.	Medium
Use evidence-based decision aids to support shared decision-making.	Medium
Provide self-management materials at an appropriate literacy level and in an appropriate language.	Medium
Use of tools that assist specialty practices in tracking specific measures that are meaningful to their practice (eg, Surgical Risk Calculator).	Medium
Completion of the American Medical Association's STEPS Forward program.	Medium
Use decision support and standardized treatment protocols to manage workflow in the team to meet patient needs.	Medium
Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real time access to patient’s medical record	High
Participation in an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)-listed patient safety organization .	Medium
*Participating QCDRs may have additional Improvement Activities to choose from:	
Use of QCDR data for ongoing practice Assessment and Improvements	Medium
Use of QCDR data for quality improvement such a comparative analysis reports across patient populations	Medium
Use of QCDR to support clinical decision making	Medium

2017 MIPS Example Improvement Activities for CRNAs*

- Most CRNAs will need to report on at least 2 improvement activities (IAs).
- There are 92 IAs to choose from, of which 13 require the use of a QCDR.
- CMS does not provide *any* additional information/clarification regarding how to interpret an IA.
- CMS has no submission requirements for how IAs are met nor will they provide any guidance.
- CMS Recommends keeping documentation of IAs in case of an audit.
- MIPS 2017 is a “transition year” therefore, eligible clinicians only need to indicate they successfully completed an IA by performing a “simple attestation” via a QCDR, Qualified Registry, or the a new CMS portal on the CMS website

2019 MIPS Scoring for CRNAs:

Improvement Activities Performance Category Weight



- Quality**
- Improvement Activities**
- Advancing Care Information**
(optional for CRNAs)
- Cost** (weight=0%; no action required)

