

Updates to PREV-10 for Performance Year 2018

The CMS is responding to concerns raised by stakeholders about the CMS Web Interface-based Preventative Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention measure (PREV-10/ACO-17) that is included in the 2018 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance period scoring and is pay-for-performance under the Shared Savings Program quality scoring methodology. This measure underwent substantive changes between 2017 and 2018 by eliminating the inclusion of non-tobacco users from the calculation of the performance score, as discussed in the Calendar Year 2018 Quality Payment Program final rule (82 FR 54164). Additionally, the 2018 measure specification for the CMS Web Interface PREV-10 measure provided new guidance in a footnote that the timing of the tobacco cessation intervention had to occur during or after the most recent positive screen for tobacco use.

CMS has determined that the previously stated guidance is inconsistent with the intent of the CMS Web Interface version of this measure and substantive in nature. Because the historical data used to establish the Shared Savings Program benchmark does not fully reflect the timing element in the 2018 measure specification, the measure does not have a valid benchmark that provides a true and accurate depiction of actual performance.

As a result, for the 2018 MIPS performance period:

- *CMS will continue to require this measure for groups, Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entities, and virtual groups reporting through the CMS Web Interface;*
- *CMS are reclassifying it as “pay-for-reporting” in the Shared Savings Program; and*
- *CMS will exclude the measure from MIPS scoring in accordance with 414.1380(b)(1)(i)(A)(2)(i) provided it met the data completeness requirement and the measure was reported through the CMS Web Interface.*

After CMS applies these updates to the CMS Web Interface, 2018 performance feedback will still display performance on the measure. For MIPS APM participants subject to the APM scoring standard, the measure will be excluded from 2018 MIPS performance period scoring and will not contribute to their MIPS quality performance category score.

Please note this message only applies to the CMS Web Interface version of the measure and does not apply to any other collection type.

For more information visit the Quality Payment Program Resource Library to view the 2018 CMS Web Interface measure specifications. If you have any questions, please contact the Quality Payment Program at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222).