

AT A GLANCE

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October 21, 2022

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES

Reminder: 2022 APM Incentive Payment Details Available; Learn If Action Is Needed

CMS has published 2022 Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment details on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website. The Shared Savings Program is sharing this information with ACOs in an attempt to encourage distribution of this information as widely as possible so that eligible clinicians who have not received their payments are made aware that the QPP is trying to reach them to complete the disbursement. Clinicians and surrogates can now log in to the [QPP website](#) using their Health Care Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Access Roles and Profile (HARP) credentials to access this information.

Eligible clinicians who were Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) based on their 2020 performance should have begun receiving their 2022 5% APM Incentive Payments earlier this summer. Review the updated [2022 Learning Resources for QP Status and APM Incentive Payment](#) (zip) for more details. More information is also available on the [Federal Register notice](#).

APM Incentive Payment Details Available on QPP Website

CMS has taken time to ensure correct payments and information are available during the 2022 payment year. CMS' process includes verifying eligible clinicians' Advanced APM participation and the calculation of the APM Incentive Payment.

You can now log in to the QPP website to see the amount and the organization paid for both the 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the organization.

What Does an Eligible Clinician Need to Do in Order to Receive the APM Incentive Payment?

If an eligible clinician in your ACO **has not begun to receive payment**, clinicians or their surrogates should check for their name in the [2022 QP Notice for APM Incentive Payment Zip File](#) in the [QPP Resource Library](#), which indicates that the eligible clinician will need to verify their Medicare billing information. If the eligible clinician does not verify their Medicare billing information **by November 1, 2022**, then CMS will not be able to issue their APM Incentive Payment. For instructions on how to verify Medicare billing information, review the [2022 QP Notice for APM Incentive Payment Zip File](#) and [Federal Register notice](#).

Upcoming MIPS Important Dates and Deadlines

CMS would like to remind clinicians of important upcoming Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) dates and deadlines in October:

- MIPS eligibility for the 2022 performance year will be updated based on the June 30th APM snapshot data. **Note:** QP determinations, if applicable, and MIPS APM participation information will be available on the QPP Participation Status Tool.
- **October 21st is the final day to request a [MIPS targeted review](#) for your 2021 performance year feedback**, including your MIPS final score and payment adjustment factor(s). Only submit a targeted review request if you believe there is an error in your MIPS performance feedback. **Note:** CMS will only consider targeted reviews submitted by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Web Mode Field Test for the CAHPS for MIPS Survey

CMS will conduct a field test of web mode for the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS[®]) for MIPS Survey with Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs. Beginning October 25, 2022, ACOs randomly selected for the field test will be contacted by CMS' contractor, the RAND Corporation, about the field test and the possibility of sharing email addresses of Medicare patients. RAND's outreach will be directed to selected ACOs' Primary Authorized to Sign (ATS) contact. If you have questions about RAND's outreach, please contact your ACO Coordinator.

Second Snapshot of 2022 QP Status and APM Participation Data Now Available in QPP Participation Status Tool

On October 14, CMS updated its [QPP Participation Status](#) tool based on the second snapshot of APM data. The second snapshot includes data from Medicare Part B claims with dates of service between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022.

The tool includes 2022 QP status and MIPS APM participation status.

To learn more about how CMS determines QP and the APM participation status for each [snapshot](#), please visit the [QPP website](#).

What Does QP Status Mean?

If you qualify as a QP, this means you are:

- Eligible for the 5% [APM](#) incentive bonus;
- Eligible for APM-specific rewards; and
- Exempt from participating in [MIPS](#).

How Do I Check My QP or APM Participation Status?

To view your QP or APM participation status:

- Visit the QPP Participation Status Tool.
- Enter your 10-digit NPI.

Learn More

For more information on APMs, visit the QPP APM webpages. For a comprehensive list of APMs, reference [Alternative Payment Models in the Quality Payment Program as of December 2021](#) (PDF); for additional materials, visit the [QPP Resource Library](#).

November ACO Learning System Webinar on Implementing Health IT Tools to Improve Care Access in Rural Areas: Seeking Speakers

CMS will host a November ACO Learning System webinar highlighting how ACOs leverage health information technology (IT) (e.g., telemedicine or remote patient monitoring) to improve access to care for beneficiaries living in rural areas. Topics may include but are not limited to unique health IT delivery challenges in rural areas, such as transportation barriers, information-sharing processes, and implementation of health IT tools. If your ACO has a rural health IT story to share, please express interest in presenting by emailing VBCLearningSystem@mathematica-mpr.com (subject line “Implementing Health IT Tools”) with a brief description of your ACO’s Health IT efforts and background by close of business Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSP ACO Learning System Webinar: Engaging Clinical Specialists in Care Management Efforts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022, 3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- [Register Here](#)
- **Audience:** This event is open to all Shared Savings Program ACO staff. Primary care and specialty clinicians may be most interested in attending, as well as team members supporting care management.
- **Description:** Join us for a webinar exploring ACO approaches to coordinating care between primary and specialty care providers to ensure beneficiaries receive timely, appropriate care. ACO presenters will discuss innovative strategies to engage specialists in care management, including action steps to streamline care, define responsibilities, and share information between teams. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

New SSP ACO Learning System Webinar: Implementing Health IT Tools to Improve Care Access in Rural Areas

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022, 3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- [Register Here](#)
- **Audience:** This event is open to all Shared Savings Program ACO staff. Team members supporting data and technology or care management may be most interested in attending.
- **Description:** Join us for a webinar highlighting how ACOs leverage health IT (such as electronic health records or telehealth applications) to improve access to care for beneficiaries living in rural areas. ACO presenters will discuss care delivery challenges in rural areas, such as broadband access, the implementation of Health IT tools to address these challenges, and how such interventions have advanced ACO population health and equity goals. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ACOs

ACO Coordinator

To help ACOs navigate questions regarding the Shared Savings Program, **please contact your ACO Coordinator as your first line of contact.** These additional resources are also available:

ACO Information Center

Click the [ACO-MS](#) Helpdesk Icon (located within the ACO-MS banner)

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. ET

- Program operations and policy inquiries; technical inquiries related to program data and program reports; ACO-MS; and assistance with user access to CMS systems, including password resets
- 1-888-734-6433 (select Option 1) or 1-888-734-6563 (TTY/TTD)

Quality Payment Program Service Center

QPP@cms.hhs.gov

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET; non-peak hours: before 10:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. ET

- Inquiries related to MIPS, APMs, MACRA, CAHPS® for MIPS survey, quality measures, quality reporting for 2017 and future years, and CMS Web Interface
- 1-866-288-8292

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