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Dear UOP Provider:

The MACRA/ Quality Payment Program (QPP) was proposed to help providers focus on quality care and preventive services. The QPP only applies to your traditional (CMS) Medicare patients. The QPP is intended to change the Fee-for Service system to a Value-based system. The timeline for MACRA is: **Jan- Dec 2017** (Performance Period) → **Jan-June 2018** Reporting & Data Collection → **2019** Payment adjustment in effect.

The Quality Payment Program has 2 tracks you may choose from:

1. **The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)**

Previously referred to as PQRS, MIPS is a composite score that will factor in performance in 4 weighted categories on a 0-100 point scale: Quality, resource use, clinical practice improvement activities, and advancing care information.

- **Eligibility**

- If you are a provider billing Medicare more than \$30,000 in Part B allowed charges a year and provide care for more than 100 Medicare patients a year. You must meet both to be in the program.

- **Payment adjustment:**

- If you are a provider that is eligible for MIPS your payment adjustment is as follows: -4% if you do not participate, if you submit a minimum amount to Medicare you can avoid payment adjustment, submit at least 90 days of 2017 data you are eligible for a positive adjustment, and if you submit for the full 2017 year you may earn up to a 4% adjustment.

2. **Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)**

APMs can apply to a specific clinical condition, a care episode, or a population. Advanced APMs are a subset of APMs, and let practices earn more for taking on some risk related to their patients' outcomes. ^[2]

- **Eligibility:**

- If you receive 25% of you Medicare Part B payments through an Advanced APM or see 20% of you Medicare patients through an Advanced APM.

- **Who can participate?**

- Providers enrolled in Comprehensive ESRD Care, CPC+, Next Gen ACO, Tracks 2 and 3 Shared Savings Program, Oncology Care Model, and Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement payment Model- track 1- CEHRT.

- **Payment Adjustment:**

- You may earn up to 5% if you are in an Advanced APM.

For more information on the QPP please visit their website at <https://qpp.cms.gov/>