

APM Participants in 2024

Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Alternative Payment Model (APM) participants have the option to participate in MIPS via the **APM Performance Pathway (APP)**, a single, pre-determined measure set similar to the MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs). The APP is required for all Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

What Are the Features of the APP?



CMS designed the APP measure set to reflect the diversity of practice types that exist among APM participants, even within the same APM Entity.



The APP focuses on outcomes, reduces burden, and provides reliable reporting.



Participation is optional.¹ MIPS APM participants may choose to participate under traditional MIPS reporting and scoring if they'd prefer.



Participants may report the APP at the individual, group, or APM Entity level.



CMS will award the highest available score. For example, if your APM Entity reports under the APP and your group reports under traditional MIPS, you will receive whichever of the 2 scores is higher.²

What Are the Reporting Requirements Under the APP?



Quality
50% of MIPS Final Score



Promoting Interoperability
30% of MIPS Final Score
Same reporting as traditional MIPS



Improvement Activities
20% of MIPS Final Score
Automatic full credit in 2024



Cost
0% of MIPS Final Score
No requirements

In 2024, APP participants will be scored on the following quality measure set:

- CAHPS for MIPS Survey (Quality ID: 321)
- Hospital-Wide, 30-day, All-Cause Unplanned Readmission (HWR) Rate for MIPS Eligible Clinician Groups (Quality ID: 479)
- Clinician and Clinician Group Risk-standardized Hospital Admission Rates for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions (Measure ID: 484)
- Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (Quality ID: 001/001SSP)*
- Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan (Quality ID: 134/134SSP)*
- Controlling High Blood Pressure (Quality ID: 236/236SSP)*

* Note: For the 2024 performance period, Shared Savings Program ACOs have the option to report the 10 CMS Web Interface measures³ or the 3 eCQMs/MIPS CQMs/Medicare CQMs.⁴

The specifications for measures included in the APP measure set are available [here](#) for individuals, groups, and APM Entities and [here](#) for SSP ACOs only.

¹ The APP is required for all Shared Savings Program ACOs. All quality data reported via the APP will be used to calculate Medicare Shared Savings Program scores, and quality measure scores between the 2 programs will be identical.

² Please note: If you participate in a virtual group, you will receive a Final Score based on the performance of the virtual group, even if you have a higher score through another means of participation.

³ The 2024 performance period will be the final year for Shared Savings Program ACOs to report through the CMS Web Interface.

⁴ Beginning with the 2024 performance period, Medicare CQMs for Accountable Care Organizations Participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Medicare CQMs) have been established as a new collection type for Shared Savings Program ACOs that can only be reported under the APP.