Quality Payment Program
MIPS: Improvement Activities Category

Improvement Activities (IA) is a new CMS category that includes Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) activities with 90+ activities under 9 subcategories to choose from that are focused on care coordination, beneficiary engagement and patient safety.

This category is weighted at 15%.

REPORTING

- Expanded Practice Access
- Beneficiary Engagement
- Patient Safety and Practice Assessment
- Participation in an APM, including a medical home model
- Achieving Health Equity
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health
- Care Coordination
- Population Management

SCORING

Base Score = 40 points

No clinician or group has to attest to more than 4 activities. Activities are weighted as either high or medium. Clinicians may choose any combination of these activities to meet the 40 point total requirement in this category.

Activity Weights: Clinicians must reach a total of 40 points to receive full credit in this category. However, depending on your practice size, the weighting of high and medium activities will vary.

If your practice has 15 or less clinicians, or you are a hospitalist:

High measures = 40 points
Medium measures = 20 points

Example
Reported Activities Points
1 \( H \) \( M \) \( M \) 40
2 \( M \) \( M \) \( M \) 40

OR

If your practice has more than 15 clinicians:

High measures = 20 points
Medium measures = 10 points

Example
Reported Activities Points
1 \( H \) \( H \) 40
2 \( M \) \( M \) \( M \) \( M \) 40

OR

Clinicians who participate in a patient-centered medical home (i.e., Memorial Hermann MSSP ACO), Medical Home Model, or similar specialty practice will automatically receive full credit for the ACI category. No additional submission required.

Pick Your Pace: Improvement Activities (IA) category

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<td>“Run”</td>
<td>Minimum of 90 consecutive days.</td>
<td>Complete activities required for the full 40 points.</td>
<td>15 points (Full credit) ((40 \text{ potential points} + 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 % \text{ category weight}) = 15 \text{ points}\</td>
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<td>“Walk”</td>
<td>Minimum of 90 consecutive days starting on or before October 1, 2017.</td>
<td>Complete activities required for half the points (20 points vs 40 points).</td>
<td>7.5 points (Half credit) ((20 \text{ potential points} + 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 % \text{ category weight}) = 7.5 \text{ points}\</td>
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<td>“Crawl”</td>
<td>Report nothing</td>
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<td>0 points* ((0 \text{ potential points} + 40 \text{ max points}) \times 15 % \text{ category weight}) = 0 \text{ points}\</td>
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*If not reporting in this category, then do not forget to report, at the minimum, 1 measure, one time in the Quality category to earn at least 3 total points and avoid negative MIPS payment adjustments.