

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

9 Subcategories

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

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	40
2	M M	40




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	H M M	40
3	M M M M	40

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

Points Scorecard for MIPS

"Pace" Option:	How Long You need to Report	Minimum Reporting Requirements	Estimated Scoring
"Run" 	Minimum of 90 consecutive days. While not mandatory, the reporting goal is a full year for a potentially higher percentage payment adjustment.	Complete activities required for the full 40 points	15 points (Full credit) <i>(40 potential points ÷ 40 max points) × 15 (% category weight) = 15 points</i>
"Walk" 	Minimum of 90 consecutive days starting on or before October 1, 2017.	Complete activities required for half the points (20 points vs 40 points)	7.5 points (Half credit) <i>(20 potential points ÷ 40 max points) × 15 (% category weight) = 7.5 points</i>
"Crawl" 	Report nothing.	Report nothing.	0 points* <i>(0 potential points ÷ 40 max points) × 15 (% category weight) = 0 points</i>

*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.