



## MACRA Quality Payment Program Finalized

After a months-long listening tour with almost 100,000 attendees and nearly 4,000 public comments, CMS has finalized details about the [Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act \(MACRA\)](#) Quality Payment Program.

### Do You Qualify?

As with Meaningful Use, the program doesn't cover many mental / behavioral health participants. You only qualify for the Quality Payment Program (QPP) if you are a:

- > physician
- > physician's assistant
- > nurse practitioner
- > clinical nurse specialist
- > certified registered nurse anesthetist

Additionally, you must bill Medicare at least \$30,000 per year or provide care for more than 100 Medicare clients per year. Because of these criteria, many mental health clinicians don't qualify for the program.

### Overview

The Quality Payment Program replaces the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate formula, which threatened Medicare providers with payment penalties. It promises to deliver better client care by offering more tools and resources to clinicians. If you do qualify for the program, you have the option of following two different tracks: Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs) or the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

If you participate in an advanced APM, through Medicare Part B, you can earn an incentive bonus for participating in this innovative new payment model. If you choose to participate in traditional Medicare Part B, then you will enroll in MIPS, where you earn a performance-based payment adjustment. If 2017 is the first year you've participated in Medicare, then you're not in the MIPS track of the Quality Payment Program.

[Get the details...](#)



### Instructions for the PIMSY App

We've gotten a huge response from folks wanting to utilize the new PIMSY app - including lots of how-to questions.

[Click here](#) for step-by-step instructions on using the PIMSY app (aka the "provider portal").



**You Down With IOP??**

In response to the needs of our customers, PIMSY has created specific functionality to serve intensive outpatient (IOP) practices + clinicians.

**Check out how PIMSY supports both [IOP](#) and [inpatient](#) facilities** - as well as many other behavioral health niches. PIMSY's flexibility allows you to tailor the system to your needs!



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**The PIMSY Team wishes a very Happy Thanksgiving to you + yours!**

Hope you enjoy safe travels, healthy nourishment - and don't forget about the tools available to help your clients [navigate holiday anxieties](#).

**To your success!**

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