

Performance Year 2020 Full Timeline

1. October 1, 2019

Virtual Group Election Opens for PY 2020

2. November 1, 2019

The Final Rule is Released for PY 2020

3. December 2019

Initial PY 2020 Eligibility Available

4. December 31, 2019

Virtual Group Election Closes for PY 2020

5. January 1, 2020

PY 2020 Begins

6. March 31, 2020

First Snapshot for Qualifying Participant (QP) Determinations and Merit-based Incentive Payment Systems (MIPS) Alternative Payment Model (APM) Participation

QP determinations are available approximately 4 months after each snapshot date. Check the [Quality Payment Program Participation Tool](#) for updates to your APM status. Learn more in our [QP Methodology Fact Sheet](#).

7. April 1, 2020

Registration Begins for CMS Web Interface and Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) for MIPS Survey

If participating as a group via the CMS Web Interface or CAHPS for MIPS survey, you need to register between April 1 and June 30, 2020. [Learn more about how to register.](#)

8. Spring/Summer 2020

Quality Payment Program Exception Applications Window Opens

If you seek a Quality Payment Program Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Exception or a Hardship Exception to the Promoting Interoperability performance category, you will be able to apply for this between Spring 2020 and December 31, 2020.

9. June 30, 2020

Registration Ends for CMS Web Interface and CAHPS for MIPS Survey

Second Snapshot for QP Determinations and MIPS APM Participation

QP determinations are made approximately 4 months after each snapshot date. Check the [Quality Payment Program Participation Tool](#) for updates to your APM status. Learn more in our [QP Methodology Fact Sheet](#).

10. August 31, 2020

Third Snapshot for QP Determinations and MIPS APM Participation

QP determinations are made approximately 4 months after each snapshot date. Check the [Quality Payment Program Participation Tool](#) for updates to your APM status. Learn more in our [QP Methodology Fact Sheet](#).

11. October 3, 2020

Last Day to Start a 90-day Performance Period for Promoting Interoperability and Improvement Activities

12. December 2020

PY 2020 Eligibility Finalized

13. December 31, 2020

PY 2020 Ends

Quality Payment Program Exception Applications Window Closes

Fourth Snapshot for Full TIN APMs (Medicare Shared Savings Program)

This snapshot determines which eligible clinicians are participating in a MIPS APM for purposes of the APM scoring standard. Check the [Quality Payment Program Participation Tool](#) in March 2021 for updates to your APM participation status. Learn more in our [QP Methodology Fact Sheet](#).

14. January 4, 2021

Submission Window Opens for PY 2020

15. March 31, 2021

Submission Window Closes for PY 2020

Fourth Snapshot for Full TIN APMs (Medicare Shared Savings Program)

The Fourth snapshot is for full TIN APMs, such as, Medicare Shared Savings Program to determine which eligible clinicians are participating in an Advanced APM to receive scoring under the APM scoring standard.

16. July 2021

Performance Feedback Available

CMS will provide you with performance feedback based on the data you submitted for PY 2020. You will be able to use this feedback to improve your care and optimize the payments you receive from CMS.

Targeted Review Opens Once Your Payment Adjustment Information is Available

17. August/September 2021

Targeted Review Closes 60 days after the release of your payment adjustment information.

18. January 1, 2022

PY 2020 Payment Adjustments

The payment adjustments based on PY 2020 go into effect on January 1, 2022.