**Statement : MIPS for ACO Participants**

Beginning with the 2020 measurement year, all ACO participants belong to the **Trillium ACO**, an MSSP **Basic Level E entity**. Because this pathway involves the assumption of a certain amount of risk, Trillium is considered to be an Advanced APM for QPP (MIPS) purposes.

This means the following:

* Advanced APM participants are exempt from reporting for MIPS (although participants are still expected to comply with the MIPS requirements. CMS assumes that, in order to successfully mitigate risk and achieve savings, participants have integrated the various elements of MIPS into their routine processes)

However, to be exempt from MIPS participation, you must be considered a **Qualifying Advanced APM Participant (QP)**. You receive this determination if the ACO you are participating in, as a whole, either:

* Sees 50% of its Medicare Part B patients through the Advanced APM, OR
* Receives 35% of its Medicare Part B payments through the Advanced APM.

Even though the determination is made at the ACO level (or the APM Entity level), the determination is applied at the individual level. Final QP determinations will not be made until the end of 2020.

If exempt from MIPS, participants will not receive a MIPS payment adjustment (positive or negative).

* NPO abstractors will still be collecting, and submitting, ACO quality data from participating practices (GPRO).

* Advanced APM participants are eligible to receive a 5% lump sum incentive payment (based upon an average of Medicare Part B FFS payments).