





UPDATE

We've applied the MIPS automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy to all individual MIPS eligible clinicians for PY 2021. We've also reopened the MIPS extreme and uncontrollable circumstances application for groups, virtual groups, and APM Entities (including Shared Savings Program ACOs) through March 31, 2022. Any data submitted for an individual, group, or virtual group will be scored. Data submission for an APM Entity won't override performance category reweighting from an approved application. [Learn More.](#)


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Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs) are a track of the Quality Payment Program that offer a 5 percent incentive payment for achieving threshold levels of payments or patients through Advanced APMs. If you achieve these thresholds, you become a [Qualifying APM Participant](#)  (QP) and you are excluded from the MIPS reporting requirements and [payment adjustment](#) .

Advanced APMs are APMs that meet these 3 criteria:

- Requires participants to use certified [EHR](#)  technology;

- Provides payment for covered professional services  based on quality measures comparable to those used in the MIPS quality performance category; and
- Either: (1) is a Medical Home Model expanded under CMS Innovation Center authority OR (2) requires participants to bear a significant financial risk.

Qualifying APM Participant Potential Benefits:

- 5 percent APM incentive payment
- Exclusion from MIPS


Performance Year

Select your performance year.

Performance Year 2022

2022 Advanced APMs

Qualifying APM Participant (QP)

Advanced APMs allow eligible clinicians  to become a QP for an opportunity to receive a 5 percent APM incentive payment and to be excluded from MIPS.


To become a QP, you must receive at least 50 percent of your Medicare Part B payments or see at least 35 percent of Medicare patients through an Advanced APM entity during the QP

performance period (January 1 - August 31).

In addition, 75 percent of practices need to be using certified EHR Technology within the Advanced APM entity.



An APM entity group may also become a QP through the "All-Payer and Other Payer Option", which is a combination of Medicare and non-Medicare payer arrangements such as private payers and Medicaid.

Partial Qualifying APM Participant (Partial QP)

All clinicians who participate in Advanced APMs and become Partial QPs  may choose whether or not they want to participate in MIPS. If these clinicians choose to participate in MIPS, they must fulfill all MIPS reporting requirements; however, they may report through the APP or any other MIPS reporting method. If these clinicians choose not to participate, they will not be required to report to MIPS and will not receive a MIPS payment adjustment.

To become a Partial QP, you must receive at least 40 percent of your Medicare Part B payments or see at least 25 percent of Medicare patients through an Advanced APM entity during the QP performance period (January 1 - August 31).

Snapshots

Generally, we review APM participation 4 times for clinicians and practices that are members of Alternative Payment Models (APMs) for each Performance Year  (each review is called a snapshot ). Specifically, we review APM participation in the first 3 snapshots for Qualifying APM Participant (QP) status and is updated at each of the respective snapshot dates.

For additional information about thresholds, QP determinations, and snapshot dates, please review the [Learning Resources for QP Status and APM Incentive Payment](#).


[Learn more about APM determination periods & snapshots](#)

Advanced APM Participation

Prepare to Participate

If you are interested in preparing to participate in an APM, you can receive further support with our technical assistance resources.

Join

1. [Learn](#)  about specific Advanced APMs and how to apply.
2. Apply to an Advanced APM that fits your practice and is currently accepting applications.

Current Participants

If you are an eligible clinician currently participating in an Advanced APM (see Advanced APM List), please contact your APM entity for participation specifics.