

# MOMENTUM

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The Doctors and Clinicians Preview Period is officially open as of November 13, 2023. You can now preview your 2022 Quality Payment Program (QPP) performance information before it will appear on clinician and group profile pages on the Medicare.gov [compare tool](#) and in the [Provider Data Catalog \(PDC\)](#). You can access the secure Preview through the [QPP website](#).

*The 2022 Preview Period will close on December 12, 2023, at 8 p.m. ET (5 p.m. PT).* Please note the 2022 QPP performance information planned for public reporting in 2024 will be added to Medicare.gov compare tool profile pages and/or the PDC after all targeted reviews are completed. If you have an open targeted review request, you'll still be able to preview your 2022 QPP performance information during the Doctors and Clinicians Preview Period.





[Learn More Here!](#)

## Don't run out of time, [OFMQ](#) can help!

Because of our technical assistance in hospitals for reporting quality data, we achieved some of the highest Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (IQR 99%) and Outpatient Quality Reporting Program (OQR 100%) participation in the nation.

We have an understanding of the changing regulatory requirements, evolving standards, and the advancing complexity of the healthcare environment. OFMQ's expertise in the evaluation of healthcare is founded on over 20 years of technical assistance credibility and continues to be delivered by experienced professionals today.

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## CMS Releases the 2024 Final MIPS Rule - What Now?



On November 2, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the [2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\) Final Rule](#), which includes updates to the



Quality Payment Program (QPP). This blog summarizes the key policy changes affecting the traditional Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program, as well as changes in reporting for Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), and expansion of MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs). While wrapping up your 2023 MIPS reporting should be a priority, it's also important to stay informed of the upcoming changes that will impact your reporting during the 2024 performance year.

[Read the full article here!](#)

## Cybersecurity Resources



### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Office for Civil Rights**

OCR enforces the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) Privacy, Security, and Enforcement Rules to protect individuals' health information private and secure.

To keep individuals' protected health information safe, an organization must have strong cybersecurity measures. When a HIPAA regulated entity understands and has good cybersecurity practices in place, this lowers the risk of protected health information becoming compromised. To promote these good practices, OCR offers resources to the public and covered entities that address trending cybersecurity topics.



#### *Telehealth:*

- Educating Patients about [Privacy and Security Risks to Protected Health Information when Using Remote Communication Technologies for Telehealth](#)
- Telehealth Privacy and Security Tips [for Patients](#)

#### *Newsletter on Sanctions Policies:*

- How [Sanction Policies Can Support HIPAA](#) Compliance

#### *Videos on Defending Against Cyber-Attacks*

- The videos discuss real world cyber-attack trends, based on OCR's experience with its breach reports and enforcement, along with ways to detect and mitigate common

cyber-attacks.

- [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

*Webinar on Risk Analysis*

- A risk analysis is a key and necessary step for effective cybersecurity and HIPAA Security Rule compliance. This webinar ([The HIPAA Security Rule Risk Analysis Requirement](#)) discussed what is required to conduct an accurate and thorough risk assessment to protected health information.

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## Stigma Survey



Southcentral Consortium for Overdose Prevention and Education in Oklahoma

Leading Rural Oklahoma to Improve Lives

*Help us understand stigma in Oklahoma!*



The Southcentral Consortium for Opioid Prevention and Education in Oklahoma (SCOPE-OK) seeks to understand community attitudes and beliefs about substance use disorders (SUD). Stigma regarding SUD, or negative beliefs and/or attitudes about people who experience addiction, is common at both the individual and system levels and can make recovery more difficult.

[Take the Survey](#)

[Learn More About SCOPE-OK](#)

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## Upcoming MIPS Important Dates and Deadlines



## Quality Payment PROGRAM



### December 2023

- MIPS eligibility for the 2023 performance year will be finalized after the release of the August 31 APM snapshot data.
  - QP determinations and MIPS APM participation information will be available on the [QP Participation Status Tool](#).
- Initial eligibility to participate in MIPS for the 2024 performance year will be released on the [QP Participation Status Tool](#).

### December 31, 2023

- Last day of the 2023 performance year, after which clinicians will no longer be able to collect data for the year.
- 2024 performance year virtual group election period closes at 11:59 p.m. ET, after which prospective applicants will no longer be able to submit, revise, or retract their elections.

### January 2, 2024

- QPP Exception Application window closes at 8 p.m. ET for [MIPS eligible clinicians](#) reporting [traditional MIPS](#), an [MVP](#), or the [APM Performance Pathway \(APP\)](#) who want to submit a [MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances exception application](#) or [MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Hardship exception application](#) for the 2023 performance year.

### *2024 Virtual Group Election Period Closes on December 31, 2023.*

The 2024 virtual group election period is now open. Solo practitioners and groups with 10 or fewer clinicians interested in this [traditional MIPS participation option](#) can submit or modify their election for the 2024 performance period [via email](#).

The following elements must be included in an election:

- Acknowledgment that a formal written agreement has been established between each Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) within the virtual group.
- The name and contact information for the official virtual group representative.
- The name and TIN for each practice, and all associated National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) under each TIN.

The election period closes on December 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET. For more information about virtual group participation and elections, please review the [2024 Virtual Group Toolkit \(ZIP, 2 MB\)](#).

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Work at OFMQ!



## *Case Review Analyst RN/LPN*

Position Description: Coordinates the reviews for utilization and managed care in a timely manner as specified by state and federal guidelines. Conducts initial research of the standards of care associated with utilization practices and quality of care. Assists in the preparation and follow-through of cases requiring referral to Physician Reviewers. Ensures physician review is thoroughly completed, e.g., addresses all concerns identified during the review. Prepares formal communications to all involved parties. Performs other required chart review in accordance with the contract as stipulated.

[Learn more and apply here!](#)

## December HIT List



### OCR Cybersecurity Resources:

- [Security Risk Assessment \(SRA\) Tool](#)
- [FACTSHEET: Ransomware and HIPAA](#)
- [Guidance on Risk Analysis Requirements under the HIPAA Security Rule](#)
- [Cybersecurity Newsletters Archive](#)
- [Cyber-Attack Response Checklist](#)
- [Cyber-Attack Quick Response Infographic](#)
- [Recognized Security Practices Video](#)
- [Online Tracking Technologies Bulletin](#)
- [Protecting the Privacy and Security of Your Health Information When Using Your Personal Cell Phone or Tablet](#)
- [Resources for Mobile Health App Developers](#)

### 2023 Small Practices Reporting Resources:

- [Small Practice Countdown to 2023 Performance Year Data Submission \(PDF, 141 KB\)](#)



- [2023 Small Practice Action Planning Tool \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)
  - [Introduction to 2023 Small Practice Action Planning Tool Video](#)
  - [2023 Small Practice Eligibility and Participation FAQs \(PDF, 480 KB\)](#)
  - [2023 MIPS Quick Start Guide for Small Practices \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)
  - [2023 What's New for Small Practices \(PDF, 805 KB\)](#)
  - [2023 Part B Claims Reporting Quick Start Guide \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)
  - [Small Practices FAQs](#)
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