

Top 10 Recommended MACRA Resources on the Internet

- 1. The Payment Reform Glossary – <http://www.chqpr.org/downloads/paymentreformglossary.pdf>**
If you are drowning in the acronyms and jargon related to MACRA, this comprehensive but easy to use reference is a lifesaver.
- 2. MIPS Eligibility Status – <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup?npi=>**
CMS has created a user-friendly website where you can check your MIPS eligibility status by provider NPI number. Your search results will tell you whether you meet the low-volume threshold at both the individual level and group level.
- 3. Group Participation in MIPS – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Group_Participation_in_MIPS_2017.pdf**
Planning to report as a group for MIPS? This interactive document offers answers to questions you didn't even know you had yet.
- 4. Quality Benchmarks – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Quality_Benchmarks_Overview.zip**
You will earn 3-10 points for every MIPS quality measure you submit, based on your performance against national benchmarks. This (slightly overwhelming) Excel spreadsheet lists the decile scoring for each quality measure that currently has a benchmark. Use this tool to estimate your MIPS quality measure score based on current performance, and select your 6 highest-scoring measures for final submission at the end of the year. (Note: Clicking this link will automatically download a file with a few related documents. The one you need is called MIPS_Benchmark_Results_120816_Remediated.)
- 5. Quality Measure Specifications – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_quality_measure_specifications.zip**
Understanding the numerator and denominator criteria for your chosen measures is key to improving performance. This zip file includes the claims and registry specifications for all MIPS measures. (Note: the files are named according to the Quality ID number, so you may need to reference the QPP.CMS.GOV MIPS Quality page to find the corresponding ID for your measures.)
- 6. eCQM specifications <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eligible-professional-eligible-clinician-ecqms>**
If you are using your EHR to track and report your MIPS quality measures, this website has the specifications your EHR vendor is using to calculate your numerators and denominators. (Helpful hints: the search filter defaults to 2018 reporting year. Make sure you select "2017 + addendum" as your reporting year before searching to get the correct specifications for this year. Click on the measure names to see additional information. If you need even more detail, click on the .html link under "Specifications" on the measure page.)
- 7. Advancing Care Information Performance Category Fact Sheet – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_ACI_Fact_Sheet.pdf**
This 19-page primer is a great reference to keep handy as you tackle the ACI measures. It includes a list of Improvement Activities that qualify for the ACI bonus.
- 8. MIPS Data Validation Criteria – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_MIPS_Data_Validation_Criteria.zip**
If you've been searching for more information on the 92 MIPS Improvement Activities, this ill-named spreadsheet has the guidance you've been looking for, including specifics on what each activity entails and suggested documentation to keep in case of audit.
- 9. 2018 Proposed Rule Fact Sheet – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Proposed_Rule_for_QPP_Year_2.pdf**
If you feel that you have MIPS under control for 2017, check out this summary of proposed changes for MIPS in 2018 to start preparing for next year. Just remember that these changes are not set in stone – the final rule for 2018 will be out toward the end of 2017.
- 10. Technical Assistance Resource Guide – https://qpp.cms.gov/docs/QPP_Technical_Assistance_Resource_Guide.pdf**
CMS offers free, direct MACRA assistance for all providers and practices through partnerships with organizations in your local area. Check out this guide to find the partner assigned to your area and practice size (small or large), then use their contact info to reach out for help. For Ohio, also visit <https://www.qppresourcecenter.com/> to sign up for free support.