

# E·QUAL | EMERGENCY QUALITY NETWORK

## E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

[Sepsis](#) | [Avoidable Imaging](#) | [Chest Pain](#) | [Opioid](#)

## 2018 Portal Closing Dates

Sepsis Wave III: Closed  
Avoidable Imaging Wave III: Closed  
Chest Pain II: **January 22, 2019 (only 5 days left)**  
Opioid Wave I: **January 31, 2019**

Portals are inaccessible after the closing date.  
Please make sure to complete all activities before these deadlines.

## 2019 Enrollment Deadlines

Sepsis Wave IV: **January 21, 2019**  
Avoidable Imaging Wave IV: **February 11, 2019**  
Chest Pain III: **February 18, 2019**  
Opioid Wave II: **March 18, 2019**

[E-QUAL Initiatives Portal](#)

[E-QUAL Homepage](#) | [Portal Access Guide](#)

Click the green Portal button on the E-QUAL homepage to enter the E-QUAL Portal.  
If you have any additional questions, please contact the E-QUAL team at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).



The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) seeks EDs in rural and underserved areas to join the Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) and the Clinical Emergency Data Registry (CEDR) for 2019. ACEP seeks to maximize the success of your quality improvement project and help your ED build critical data access and capacity.

**The award is a one-time lump sum of \$4,000 that will be used to cover the technical assistance of CEDR costs for 2019.**

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to [Nalani Tarrant, Senior Project Manager](#). Please note that grants are awarded on a **first come, first serve basis**. If you have any questions, please contact the [E-QUAL team](#).

**Submission Deadline: January, 31 2019**  
[Additional Information](#) | [Download Application](#)

## Check Your Final 2018 MIPS Eligibility Status

You can now check the [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) Participation Status Tool](#) to view your final 2018 eligibility status for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

Your initial 2018 MIPS eligibility status was based on CMS review of Medicare Part B claims and PECOS data from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017.

Now, CMS has updated your eligibility status based on their second review of Medicare Part B claims and **PECOS** data, from September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018.

### Checking Your 2018 Eligibility

Your status may have changed, so we encourage you to use the [QPP Participation Status Tool](#) to confirm your final 2018 MIPS eligibility.

If, after the first review earlier this year, you were determined to be:

- Eligible for MIPS: Your eligibility status might change, and you may no longer be eligible. You should use the [tool](#) to make sure you're still eligible.

- Not eligible for MIPS at a particular practice: Your eligibility status, based on your association with that particular practice, will not change.

Please note, if you joined a new practice (meaning you billed under, or assigned your billing rights to, a new or different TIN) between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, CMS evaluated your MIPS eligibility based on your association with that new practice (identified by TIN) during this second review.

If you joined a new practice after August 31, 2018, you are not eligible for MIPS as an individual based on your association with that new practice (identified by TIN). However, you may be eligible to receive a MIPS payment adjustment based on your group's participation, if the new practice you joined chooses to participate in MIPS as a group.

For More Information:

- Visit the [About MIPS Participation page](#) on the [Quality Payment Program website](#)
- View the [Participating in the Quality Payment Program in 2018 Infographic](#)

Questions?

- Contact [IPRO](#) or call 1-866-333-4702.
- Contact the Quality Payment Program at [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-866-288-8292 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222).

## Quality Tip of the Month



"Consider the pretest probability of underlying obstructive coronary artery disease before ordering a diagnostic stress test in a patient who has negative troponins and normal electrocardiogram. "

- Kristen Newby, MD  
Duke University

Interested in providing Quality Tips from your experiences?  
Your tip will be highlighted and credited to you, as shown above.  
Please contact us at [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions



The E-QUAL FAQ has been newly cleaned and updated to with information for the 2018 Waves, including a new section for Wave I of the Opioid initiative.

[View the FAQ page](#) | [Download the Portal Access Guide](#)

If you have questions regarding your collaborative, please be sure to reference these resources. If your site's questions are not answer, please reach out to the E-QUAL team: [equal@acep.org](mailto:equal@acep.org).

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