



E-QUAL Learning Collaboratives

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The E-QUAL team recognizes your pivotal role on the front-lines of the COVID-19 response effort! We thank you for your service and value your continued participation in E-QUAL during this stressful time.

Due to the increased COVID-19 response efforts for emergency departments, the E-QUAL team is extending enrollement deadlines for 2020 collaboratives (*see new deadlines below*).

2020 Enrollment Extended!

- [Opioid Wave III](#) - June 14
- [Stroke Wave I](#) - July 12

Enroll now through the E-QUAL Portal (*left*).

Currently enrolled sites may also enroll through the E-QUAL Portal. You will be prompted within the portal. Look for a **green bar** at the top of your portal page and follow the instructions.

E-QUAL Initiative Portal

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2020 MIPS Participation Requirements Webinar

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) will host our next live webinar on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. CT** to provide an overview of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) participation requirements for the 2020 performance year.

Topics include the eligibility and performance category requirements relevant to emergency physicians participating in MIPS. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

Presenter: Molly MacHarris, MIPS Program Lead - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET (1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CT)

[Free CME credit for your participation](#)

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MIPS Update

MIPS 2019 Data Submission Period Has Closed; You Can Now Review Preliminary MIPS Performance Feedback Data

The data submission period for the 2019 [Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\)](#) closed on April 30, 2020. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently in the process of reviewing the data submitted.

For the MIPS 2019 performance period, CMS added flexibilities to allow the healthcare delivery system to focus on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) response. The automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy was extended to all MIPS eligible clinicians. MIPS eligible clinicians who were not able to submit any 2019 MIPS data by April 30, 2020 will receive a neutral payment adjustment for the 2021 MIPS payment year.

Preliminary Feedback on 2019 MIPS Data Submission Now Available

If you submitted data through the [Quality Payment Program](#), you are now able to review your 2019 MIPS preliminary performance feedback data. Please keep in mind that this is **not** your final score or feedback.

Your final score and feedback will be available in July 2020. Between now and July, your score could change based on the following:

- All-Cause Readmission Measure for the Quality performance category
- Claims measures to include the 60-day run out period
- CAHPS for MIPS Survey results
- Reweighting based on COVID-19 Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Applications (submitted in April)
- Quality and Cost performance category scores from facility-based measurement
- Improvement Study participation and results
- Creation of performance period benchmarks for Quality measures that didn't have a historical benchmark

You will be able to access preliminary and final feedback with the same HCQIS Authorization Roles and Profile (HARP) credentials that allowed you to submit and view your data during the submission period. **Don't have a HARP account?** Start the process now! Refer to [QPP Access User Guide](#) and [this video](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Quality Tip of the Month





“Be broad, but not indiscriminate in antibiotic choice. Choose antibiotics that cover all likely sources of infection and nothing else.”

Jessica Whittle, MD, PhD

University of Tennessee

Frequently Asked Questions



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If you have questions regarding your collaborative, please be sure to reference these resources. If your site's questions are not answered, please reach out to the [E-QUAL team](#).

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