

# QUALITY PAYMENT PROGRAM (QPP) PARTICIPATION IN 2018: RESULTS AT-A-GLANCE



## Summary of 2018 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Participation

**98.37%**

of MIPS eligible clinicians participated

**89.20%**

of MIPS eligible clinicians in  
small practices participated

In 2018, **559,230** eligible clinicians participated in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and **356,828** participated in MIPS through MIPS Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

*Note: Clinicians are identified under QPP by their unique Taxpayer Identification Number/National Provider Identifier combination (TIN/NPI).*

## QPP General Participation Numbers in 2017 vs. 2018

The following data outlines general participation in MIPS among **individuals, groups,<sup>1</sup> and those who participated through a MIPS APM**. It also includes data on the number of Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) that were excluded from MIPS and the total number of Partial QPs, some of whom elected to participate in MIPS.

	2017	vs.	2018
Total clinicians receiving a MIPS payment adjustment (positive, neutral, or negative)	<b>1,057,824</b>		<b>916,058</b>
Percent of clinicians above the performance threshold <sup>2</sup>	<b>93.12%</b>		<b>97.63%</b>
Percent of clinicians at the performance threshold	<b>2.01%</b>		<b>0.42%</b>
Percent of clinicians below the performance threshold	<b>4.87%</b>		<b>1.95%</b>
Total number of QPs	<b>99,076</b>		<b>183,306</b>
Total number of Partial QPs	<b>52</b>		<b>139</b>

<sup>1</sup>Under MIPS, an individual is a single TIN/NPI; a group is two or more NPIs billing under a single TIN.

<sup>2</sup>The performance threshold in 2017 was 3, and in 2018, it was 15.

## Individual and Group Participation Numbers in 2017 vs. 2018

The following data outlines participation in MIPS among **individuals and groups**.  
It does not include data for those who participated through a MIPS APM.

	2017	vs.	2018
Total clinicians receiving a MIPS score and payment adjustment (positive, neutral, or negative)	716,603		559,230
Percent of clinicians above the performance threshold	89.85%		96.12%
Percent of clinicians at the performance threshold	2.97%		0.68%
Percent of clinicians below the performance threshold	7.19%		3.20%

## MIPS APM Participation Numbers in 2017 vs. 2018

The following data outlines participation in MIPS among **those who participated through a MIPS APM**.  
It does not include data for individuals and groups.

	2017	vs.	2018
Total clinicians receiving a MIPS score and payment adjustment (positive, neutral, or negative)	341,220		356,828
Percent of clinicians above the performance threshold	100%		99.99%
Percent of clinicians at the performance threshold	0%		0.01%
Percent of clinicians below the performance threshold	0%		0%

### Key Insights:

- Exceeded the 95% participation rate from the 2017 performance year
- Nearly 90% of clinicians in small practices participated in 2018, which was an increase from 81% in 2017
- More MIPS eligible clinicians participated in MIPS APMs in 2018 than in 2017

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