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# MIPS (Merit-based Incentive Payment System)

### News Flash:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2017 Performance Reports in late June. These reports contain information on your final score as well as any payment adjustment you may be receiving in 2019. CMS has posted those reports online in the QPP Portal. They will NOT be sending you any letters related to the report - you must go into the QPP Portal to view them. If you need help getting access into the QPP Portal, our QPP experts can assist you. Please contact us at [qualitypaymenthelp@mpghf.org](mailto:qualitypaymenthelp@mpghf.org).

If you believe there is an error in your final report, you have until October 1 to file a targeted review. Here are some additional resources to learn more about the targeted review process:

1. [How to Request a Targeted Review](#) - demonstrates how MIPS eligible clinicians or groups can request a targeted review of their 2019 MIPS payment adjustment.
2. [How to Access Performance Feedback for APM Entities](#) - provides an overview of how to access 2017 MIPS performance feedback for Alternative Payment Model (APM) entities.
3. [How to Access Performance Feedback for Individuals](#) - demonstrates how to access 2017 MIPS performance feedback for a clinician whose performance was scored separately from his or her group.
4. [How to Access Performance Feedback for Voluntary Submitters](#) - provides an overview of how to access 2017 performance feedback data for a clinician who voluntarily submitted data for 2017.

### Recent Information

- MIPS Action Plan Steps:
  - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 1 - Am I Included in MIPS?](#)
  - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 2 - Factors to Determine Reporting as a Group or as an Individual](#)
  - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 3 - A Look at Your EHR!](#)
  - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 4 - Selecting a Reporting Period](#)
  - [Your MIPS Action Plan: Step 5 - Selecting a Submission Method](#)
- Other MIPS Information:
  - Blog post: [QPP Feedback Report Q & A](#)

- Blog post: [MIPS Group Reporting Questions & Answers](#)
- Blog post: [New Eligibility Look-Up Tool: You Can Now Lookup More Than One NPI At A Time](#)
- Blog post: [2018 MIPS Changes](#)
- Blog post: [MIPS 2017 Is in the Books](#)

## Resources

- View the [QPP events calendar](#) for a list of upcoming events.
- Find an eligible clinician's National Provider Identifier (NPI) number and participation status [here](#).
- Learn more about MIPS participation by reviewing this [fact sheet](#).
- Learn how to get started with MIPS by reviewing this [fact sheet](#).

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[Subscribe to the MIPS blog](#) to get just-in-time information. Have other questions? Please email us at [qualitypaymenthelp@mpqhf.org](mailto:qualitypaymenthelp@mpqhf.org). We are here to help you be successful with the Quality Payment Program (QPP)!

## MU (Meaningful Use)

### News Flash:

#### New Hospital Requirement in 2018 for Medicare CQM Reporting

For the Medicare Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program (previously called the EHR Incentive Program), electronic submission of electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) is required for all eligible hospitals. Manual attestation is only an option for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) in specific circumstances when electronic reporting is not feasible. If your hospital needs to submit a manual attestation on the clinical quality measures, you will be required to complete a [Hardship Exception](#) application and provide proof of the hardship.

Under the Medicaid PI program, states have the flexibility to determine the requirements and methods for reporting CQMs. Some states align their Medicaid CQM requirements with the Medicare requirements, but not always. You will want to double check with your [state Medicaid office](#) to verify specific criteria on CQM reporting.

More information on CQM reporting for 2018 can be found on our most recent blog post from [August 7, 2018](#).

#### CMS eCQM Resources:

- [2018 CMS Implementation Guide for QRDA I for Hospital Quality Reporting](#)
- [CMS Clinical Quality Measures Basics](#)

#### Other Resource Links

- [CMS 2018 PI Requirements](#)
- [HTS Quality Performance and Reporting Resources](#)
- [Read all previous PI posts](#)
- [Mountain-Pacific Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) Resources](#)
- [CMS Promoting Interoperability](#)
- [MU 2018 program requirement details available now](#)

#### Blog Posts

- [2018 EH CQP Reporting](#)
- [Promoting Interoperability - 2018 EP Medicaid Reporting](#)
- [New Name for MU: Promoting Interoperability \(PI\)](#)

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## HIPAA PASS

### Privacy and Security

#### News Flash:

HIPAA covered entities (CEs) and business associates (BAs) are required to conduct a risk analysis. This is an accurate and thorough assessment of the potential risks and vulnerabilities to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic protected health information (ePHI) they hold. Following a risk analysis, CEs and BAs must implement measures that reduce these risks and vulnerabilities to a reasonable and appropriate level. The scope of the risk analysis and risk management processes encompasses the potential risks and vulnerabilities to all ePHI that an organization creates, receives, maintains or transmits.

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Here are [more resources](#) regarding HIPAA PASS Privacy and Security. If you have any questions, please [contact Susan Clarke](#).

# Hospitals

## News Flash:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) will publish updates to the electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) value sets to align with the most recent releases to terminologies, including, but not limited to, the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM); Procedure Coding System (PCS); SNOMED CT; LOINC; RxNorm; and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).

[Read more...](#)

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If you have any questions, please [contact Ericka Alm](#).

# Immunizations

## News Flash:

August is Immunization Awareness month. Here are some fast facts for you:

- People over 75 are most likely to get a influenza (flu) shot at 72 percent - followed by those that are over the age of 65.
- The Healthy People goal for flu immunization is 70 percent. With only two years until 2020, it is unlikely that we will meet that goal. Our current rate of immunizations nationwide is only at 43.3 percent.
- Immunization rates for those that are 65+ are higher for the pneumococcal vaccination, which is at 66.9 percent.

There are three factors to consider when talking about increasing vaccination rates - complacency, convenience and confidence. Complacency interferes with immunization compliance simply because it is easier to NOT do something than to do it. Complacency can be overcome by making the vaccination very convenient. There are widespread myths that decrease confidence in vaccinations. Peers, health care providers and employers can provide accurate information to boost public confidence in vaccinations.

Find out which immunizations you need by taking the Adult Vaccination Quiz [here!](#)

## Resources

- Mountain-Pacific's [immunization and FluFIT tools and resources](#)
- Blog Post: [Vaccines in Practice: Influenza \(Flu\)](#)
- Blog Post: [Fact or Fiction: You Can Get the Flu from the Flu Shot](#)
- Blog Post: [Got Your Flu Shot Yet? It's Not Too Late!](#)
- Blog Post: [Fall, Flu and You!](#)
- [Effectiveness and Reach of the FluFIT Program in an Integrated Health Care System: a Multisite Randomized Trial](#)
- [The Effectiveness of the FLU-FOBT Program in Primary Care: A Randomized Trial](#)
- Mountain-Pacific's TV program [Healthy Living for Life - Immunizations Myth Busters: The Truth about Vaccines](#)

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If you have any questions, please [contact Amber Rogers](#).

## Readmissions

### News Flash:

Behavioral health issues are found in all segments of the populations and often go undetected in our older population. For example, almost one third of all older adults are impacted by depression. Including these patients and others with behavioral health issues in a care coordination program can make a positive impact on their lives.

In 2018, care coordination in the form of behavior health integration (BHI) became a reimbursable service for primary care practices. If you already have a chronic care management program, the inclusion of BHI is a simple and logical next step. Chronic care management with the inclusion of BHI is a sustainable care delivery model that can have a positive impact on your patient's lives and your practice's financial health.

For program information, [visit the CMS website](#).

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For more information with this project, please [contact Kevin Franke](#).

## ADEs (Adverse Drug Events)

## News Flash:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has published a Spanish-language version of its Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit. The toolkit is designed for health care providers, communities and local governments. The toolkit provides strategies to prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. It includes resources for overdose survivors and family members.

The English toolkit can be accessed [here](#).  
The Spanish toolkit can be accessed [here](#).

## Resources

- [What Mountain-Pacific is doing to help decrease ADEs](#)
- [ADEs tools and resources](#)
- National Help Line:
  - Phone number: 1-800-622-4357
  - [Website](#)

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If you have any questions, please [contact Stevi Sy](#).

# Antibiotic Stewardship

## News Flash:

Patients have a vital role in antibiotic stewardship. Easily accessible resources are available to education your patients on antibiotic stewardship and their role in reducing the emergence of antibiotic resistant organism. You can make the attached [video resource available](#) in your waiting room for your patients.

## Resources

- [QIO program resources](#)
- [Learn more](#)
- [Tools and resources](#)

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If you have any questions, please [contact Lori Chikoyak](#).

# Additional News and Resources

## Mountain-Pacific Resources:

- [Tools and Resources](#)
- [News](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Healthy Living for Life TV Show](#)

## State Calendars:

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