

MIPS Cost Performance Category

The Cost performance category is intended to assess clinician performance at managing use of resources in the Medicare program. While cost measure data did not contribute to a clinician's MIPS score for impacting payments for 2019 (based on performance in 2017), for 2018 this category will contribute to 10 percent of the MIPS Final Score. 2018 cost performance will be measured using the following measures adopted under the Value Modifier and featured in previous Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs):

- Total per Capita Costs for All Attributed Beneficiaries measure
- Medicare Spending per Beneficiary (MSPB) measure

Clinicians do not have to report any data to be assessed under this category, since CMS will calculate performance based on submitted claims data.

If enough patients are not attributed to a clinician for the clinician to be assessed under either measure, then CMS will reweight the cost performance category to zero percent and will increase the weight of the quality performance category accordingly. If enough patients are only attributed to a clinician for one measure, then performance on that single measure will determine the full performance under this category.

CMS is continuing work to develop additional episode-based cost measures that it expects to incorporate into this performance category in future years.

Specifications for the cost measures are available for download [here](#). Additional information about the cost performance category is available in this [CMS fact sheet](#).