

MIPS Improvement Activity (IA) Performance Category

This category represents an opportunity for clinicians to be recognized for engaging in activities that contribute to higher quality health care. This category generally accounts for 15 percent of your total MIPS Final Score.

Clinicians may select activities from a list of more than [90 possible IAs](#). Eligible activities focus on priorities such as beneficiary engagement, care coordination, behavioral and mental health, achieving health equity, population management, practice assessment, and expanded practice access.

To receive full credit for this category, clinicians must perform an IA for a minimum of 90 days during the performance period. In general, clinicians must attest to either:

- Two 20-point, high-weighted activities;
- Four 10-point, medium-weighted activities; or
- Another combination of high- and medium-weighted activities equaling 40 points to achieve full credit in this category.

Non-patient facing clinicians and clinicians in small practices, practices in rural areas, and practices in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) only have to report one high-weighted IA or two medium-weighted IAs to receive full credit in this category.

Participants in certified patient-centered medical homes or comparable specialty practices will automatically earn full credit under this category. In addition, all clinicians identified on a CMS-maintained list associated with an APM will receive at least one-half of the final score under this category; clinicians participating in a MIPS APM will receive full credit for 2018.