

MIPS Performance Categories

Advancing Care Information

This category evaluates whether a clinician is a meaningful user of certified EHR technology (CEHRT). It relies on many of the same measures used under the EHR Incentive Program, although for many of the measures, CMS has reduced performance thresholds. Clinicians opting to report under this category may use 2014 or 2015 (or a combination thereof) certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) in 2017. However, clinicians will be required to use 2015 edition CEHRT in 2018.

ACI measures are divided into “base” score measures and “performance score” measures. Reporting the base measures is the minimum requirement for receiving a score under this category. The base score is “all-or-nothing,” in that all base measures must be satisfied in order to receive any credit under the ACI category. The performance measures are optional and may result in supplemental and incremental credit based on performance. Note that some of the base measures are also eligible for performance credit.

Clinicians can also earn bonus points in the ACI category by using CEHRT to complete certain activities in the IA category. Reporting “yes” to the completion of at least one of the CMS-specified IAs using CEHRT will result in a 10 percentage point bonus in the ACI category.

Clinicians who are simply aiming to “test” MIPS in 2017 (i.e., avoid the penalty) by reporting under this category are only required to report on the “base” ACI measures, which include:

- Reporting “yes” for the security risk analysis measure; and
- Reporting on at least one unique patient in the numerator for the numerator/denominator of the remaining measures, which are:
 - e-Prescribing
 - Providing Patient Access
 - Sending a Summary of Care
 - Requesting/Accepting Summary of Care

Specifications for both the base and performance measures are available for download [here](#). They also may be accessed via the CMS [measure search tool](#). Additional information about qualifying for performance and bonus score points under this category is available in this CMS [fact sheet](#).