

CMS Continues Phased Approach to Public Reporting for Doctor and Clinician Information on Medicare Care Compare and in the Provider Data Catalog



BACKGROUND

Care Compare provides a web-based, single-source search-and-compare experience for people with Medicare and their caregivers to find information about doctors, clinicians, and other healthcare providers and settings. The **Provider Data Catalog (PDC)** provides researchers and other interested stakeholders direct access to view and download the official data used on Care Compare.

What is reported on Care Compare and in the PDC for doctors and clinicians?

- **Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians profile pages**
 - **Practice information** such as phone numbers, addresses, specialties, education/residency and board certification, and Alternative Payment Model (APM) participation information
 - **Performance information** including a subset of publicly reported MIPS measure-level star ratings and checkmark attestations, and Accountable Care Organization (ACO) performance information
- **Doctors and Clinicians section of the PDC**
 - **Practice information** for clinicians in the National Downloadable file
 - **Performance information** including all publicly reported MIPS measures and attestations; benchmark, scores, and denominators (as applicable); MIPS final scores and performance category scores; clinician utilization data; and aggregate data

How is doctor and clinician performance information selected for public reporting?

- Performance information for doctors and clinicians must meet public reporting standards:
 - Measures and attestations must be **valid, reliable, accurate, and comparable** as determined by an established set of quantitative and qualitative criteria.
 - To be listed on clinician or group profile pages, performance information (described in plain language) must also **resonate with Medicare patients and their caregivers**, as demonstrated through consumer testing.

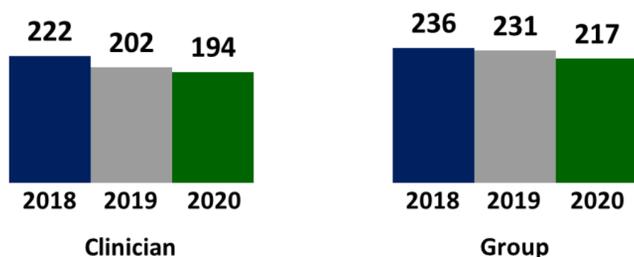
KEY PUBLIC REPORTING MILESTONES

2018-2020 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Performance Information

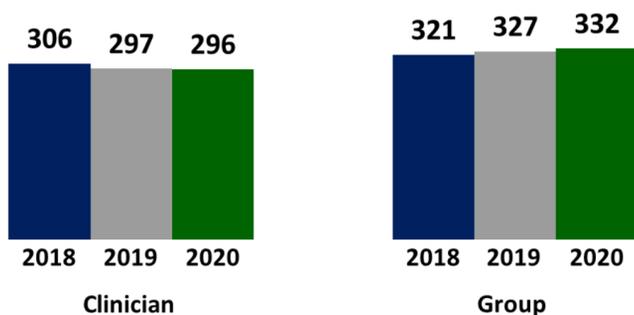
- **2020 performance information is available now** on Care Compare and in the PDC
- Continued to report MIPS final scores and performance category scores
- Introduced MIPS final score without Complex Patient Bonus (CPB)
- Included updated Quality Payment Program (QPP) group, clinician, and ACO performance information
- Updated subset of MIPS quality, QCDR, and MIPS Promoting Interoperability measures published as star ratings for groups and clinicians year over year
- Updated improvement activities and Promoting Interoperability attestations published as checkmarks

Publicly reported clinician- and group-level MIPS measures and attestations over time (years of performance: 2018-2020¹)

Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians



PDC: Doctors and Clinicians



¹Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, fewer clinician/group-measure data points were available for public reporting for PY 2020. This did not significantly change the total measure count.

GET MORE INFORMATION

Want to learn more about public reporting for doctors and clinicians? Visit the [Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians Initiative page](#).

Have questions or feedback about public reporting for doctors and clinicians? Email us at QPP@cms.hhs.gov.

Examples of star ratings and checkmark attestations

| Publicly Reported MIPS Performance Information for Doctors and Clinicians | Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians profile pages | | | PDC: Doctors and Clinicians section | | |
|---|--|------|------|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Quality measures | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Improvement activities | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Promoting Interoperability measures, attestations, & successful performer checkmark | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Promoting Interoperability information blocking indicator | -- | ✓ | ✓ | -- | ✓ | ✓ |
| Alternative Payment Model participation indicator | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Facility-based clinician indicator | -- | -- | -- | -- | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cost measures ¹ | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Final scores and performance category scores | -- | -- | -- | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

¹ Cost measures were not publicly reported in 2018 or 2019 as they did not meet public reporting standards. 2020 cost measures were not publicly reported as CMS reweighted the cost performance category to zero due to the public health emergency. CMS will continue to evaluate ways to publicly report this information in future years.