MIPS: Improvement Activities
Supported Activities & Activity Selection

IA Fast Facts

15%
Category weight

Max points 40

Perform Points add up quickly in heavy and medium weighted activities.

Report up to 4 total medium and high weighted activities. At the least, report 2 for 90 days. Medium activities are worth 10 points and high are worth 20 points.

Submission will be done electronically by athenahealth.

10% points bonus for 1 eligible Improvement Activity (IA) reported using CEHRT.

What activities will athenahealth support?

Out of the 93 finalized activities for CY 2017, athenahealth will initially support 11 activities (see Table 1) at the start of the reporting period (1/1/2017). These activities can be supported through CEHRT and cover Population Management, Patient Safety & Practice Assessment, Behavioral & Mental Health, and Beneficiary Engagement. Additional activities will be added in 2017 to ensure coverage for all MIPS eligible clinicians using athenaOne.

Which activities will eligible clinicians (ECs) be enrolled in at the start of the year?

Clinicians will be enrolled in an initial set of Improvement Activities focused on appropriate screenings, shared-decision making, transitions of care, and medication reconciliation. Measure satisfaction is built into workflows to demonstrate participation, giving credit for the activities you're already doing as part of normal workflows and satisfying CMS reporting requirements for this performance category.

How do I request the activities I want?

You don't have to! On January 1, 2017, all eligible clinicians (ECs)* will get automatically enrolled in an initial set of activities that are already part of encounter workflows and athenaOne capabilities that will maximize your performance and set you up for success.

What attribution model will be used?

Similar to other government programs, patients will be attributed to any provider who supervised care for at least 1 encounter. This means that a single patient may fall into the denominator for more than one eligible clinician.

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How will athenahealth demonstrate Improvement Activity satisfaction?

By automatically enrolling providers in an initial set of activities, athenahealth will be able to track and accurately determine when providers meet 90-days of continuous enrollment. Activities will be satisfied when 1 patient meets criteria for numerator completion.

Where do I find the performance benchmarks for these activities?

There are no performance benchmarks in the Improvement Activities category during the 2017 transition year. Performance in this category will be tracked by athenahealth and attestation of activity satisfaction will be completed by us on your behalf. In future years, performance will be tracked and made public by CMS.

How is data reported to CMS?

IA can be reported as either an individual EC or Group. Reporting style must be consistent across all 3 categories (Quality, ACI, and IA). athenahealth is certified to electronically submit data as both a registry and EHR vendor. Thus, we support measures that are available for Registry reporting, EHR reporting, or both.

Table 1: Initial Improvement Activity Measures (as of 1/13/2017)

CMS Activity ID	Activity Name	Subcategory	Weight	Measure you'll see under "MIPS: Improvement Activity Program 2017"
IA_PM_13	Chronic care and preventative care management for empaneled patients	Population Management	Medium	Documentation of current medications
IA_PM_16	Implementation of medication management practice improvements	Population Management	Medium	Medication reconciliation
IA_BE_12	Use evidence-based decision aids to support shared decision-making.	Beneficiary Engagement	Medium	Shared decision identification: Colorectal cancer screening/Low back pain/PSA screening
IA_PSPA_16	Use of decision support and standardized treatment protocols	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	Medium	*Providers enrolled in CQMs (MIPS Quality) will satisfy this activity**
IA_PSPA_18	Measurement and improvement at the practice and panel level	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	Medium	*Providers utilizing the MIPS Performance Dashboard will satisfy this activity**
IA_PSPA_21	Implementation of fall screening and assessment programs	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	Medium	Registry: Falls: Risk assessment

IA_BMH_1	Diabetes screening	Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health	Medium	Diabetes monitoring for diabetes and schizophrenia
IA_BMH_2	Tobacco use	Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health	Medium	Tobacco use: Screening and cessation intervention**
IA_BMH_3	Unhealthy alcohol use	Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health	Medium	Registry: Preventive care: Unhealthy alcohol use: Screening & brief counseling**
IA_BMH_4	Depression screening	Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health	Medium	Screening for depression and follow-up**
IA_BMH_5	*MDD prevention and treatment interventions*	*Integrated Behavioral and Mental Health*	*Medium*	*MDD: Suicide risk assessment***

*Activity satisfaction will display later in 2017 on the MIPS Dashboard.

**CMS has not yet specified the additional behavioral and mental health codes to identify patients eligible for this measure; these codes will be added once they are available, so results may change.

Please note: Our team is currently reviewing the measure selection and support for the Improvement Activity category. As a result, some measures may be removed from the Quality Management Tab and Quality Management Reports for the time being.   We will provide additional information about improved measure selection and functionality in the coming weeks as soon as it becomes available.