

# CMS Correcting Errors in 2017 MIPS Final Score

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CMS has **extended its targeted review process to October 15** to allow eligible clinicians, groups, and those participating in certain alternative payment models (APMs) to carefully look over their 2017 Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) final score and identify any calculation errors.

Over 90 percent of eligible clinicians participated in MIPS during the first year of the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Program participants have had the opportunity to access and review MIPS performance feedback over the last few weeks through the CMS QPP website, which offers clinicians an overview of their MIPS final score, performance category details, and 2019 MIPS payment adjustment.

Clinicians or groups who believe there may be an error in their 2019 MIPS payment adjustment calculation can request that CMS launch a targeted review.

Some concerns clinicians have raised pertain to the application of the 2017 Advancing Care Information (ACI) and Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances hardship exceptions, the awarding of Improvement Activity credit for participating in an improvement activities burden reduction study, and the addition of the All-Cause Readmission (ACR) measure to the MIPS final score.

CMS has changed the MIPS final scores and 2019 payment adjustments for clinicians who were affected by these issues.

CMS clarified “Additionally, to ensure that we maintain the budget neutrality that is required by law under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), some clinicians will see slight changes in their payment adjustment as a result of the reapplication of budget neutrality”.

CMS made and published these revisions to clinicians’ 2019 MIPS payment adjustments on September 13. The federal agency encouraged clinicians who may have had their MIPS scores changed to review their performance feedback for any remaining errors.

**Clinicians can launch a targeted review process to address any potential errors until October 15.**