

2026 MIPS Reporting Options

Use the chart below to help determine what you should report in each MIPS category to avoid the penalty or earn an incentive. Note, these are *suggested* options for reporting; there may be other options for achieving the score needed to avoid the penalty or earn an incentive.

| MIPS Total Points / Payment Adjustment | QUALITY (30%) <i>6 bonus points are automatically added to the numerator of the quality category score for small practice.</i> | | IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY (15%) <i>Must be engaged in activity for minimum 90 consecutive days; last day to begin is Oct 3, 2026.</i> | PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY (PI) (25%) <i>Must be engaged in activity for minimum 180 consecutive days; last day to begin is July 5, 2026. * Can claim an exclusion if appropriate.</i> | COST (30%) <i>Dermatologists may be exempt from this category.</i> | Total Points Achieved |
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| | Report via claims | | Report via DataDerm | Report via DataDerm | N/A | |
| AVOIDING 9% PENALTY: 75 POINTS Achieving between 75.01-100 points will result in a positive payment adjustment based on a sliding scale as determined by CMS. | Small Practice (15 providers or fewer) | | | | | |
| | EHR | Report 6 quality measures that can achieve a maximum of 10 points each for all eligible encounters between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026. PLUS 6 bonus points automatically added for small practices to the numerator. (33 points) | For clinicians, groups, and virtual groups with the small practice, rural, non-patient facing, or health professional shortage area special status: Attest to 1 improvement activity (for a minimum of 90 consecutive days between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026). (15 points) | Report 6 or 7 PI measures from each of the 4 objectives for all eligible encounters between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e-Prescribing: PI_EP_1* & PI_EP_2* Health Information Exchange: PI_HIE_1* & PI_HIE_4* or PI_HIE_5 or PI_HIE_6 Provider to Patient Exchange: PI_PEA_1 Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange: PI_PHCDRR_1* & PI_PHCDRR_3* Additional bonus measure available. (25 points) | CMS will automatically assess and add max 30 pts to final MIPS score. If you are exempt from the cost category, the 30% weight of this category will be distributed between quality and PI making quality 55% and PI 30%. See next. | 73 + up to 30 more for Cost (if max points added) |
| | EHR WITH AUTOMATIC PI EXEMPTION | (Quality category weight 40%) Report 6 measures that can achieve a maximum of 10 points for all eligible encounters for the full year between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026. PLUS 6 bonus points automatically added for small practices to the numerator. (44 points) | (IA category weight 30%) For clinicians, groups, and virtual groups with the small practice, rural, non-patient facing, or health professional shortage area special status: Attest to 1 improvement activity (for a minimum of 90 consecutive days between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026). (30 points) | Not applicable. CMS automatically applies exemption and reweights PI category weight to Quality category. | CMS will automatically assess and add max 30 pts to final MIPS score. If you are exempt from the cost category (in addition to the already applied PI exemption) this category's weight will be redistributed to quality and IA making each of them 50%. | 74 + up to 30 more for Cost (if max points added) |
| | Large Practice (16 providers or more) | | | | | |
| EHR | Report 6 quality measures that can achieve a maximum of 10 points each for all eligible encounters between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026. (30 points) | Attest to 2 improvement activities for a minimum of 90 consecutive days between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026. (15 points) | Report 6 or 7 PI measures from each of the 4 objectives for all eligible encounters between Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e-Prescribing: PI_EP_1* & PI_EP_2* Health Information Exchange: PI_HIE_1* & PI_HIE_4* or PI_HIE_5 or PI_HIE_6 Provider to Patient Exchange: PI_PEA_1 Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange: PI_PHCDRR_1* & PI_PHCDRR_3* Additional bonus measure available. (25 points) | CMS will automatically assess and add up to 30 points maximum to final MIPS score. If exempt from Cost category, 30% weight applied to PI category. | 70 + up to 30 more for Cost (if max points added) | |

Please visit the [2026 category reweighting exemptions page](#) to learn more on the redistribution of category weights.

Non-EHR users should see our [Reporting options page](#) for guidance.

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