



Why All Florida Physicians Should Review Their 2017 MIPS Scores

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is giving physicians until **8 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, Oct. 15** to request a targeted review (i.e., an appeal) of their 2017 MIPS performance scores, which will determine 2019 MIPS payments adjustments. To ensure the payment adjustment you receive is accurate, the FMA highly recommends that all Florida physicians verify the accuracy of their MIPS performance scores and request a targeted review as necessary.

It is especially important for Florida physicians to review their MIPS performance scores given that physicians in *all 67 Florida counties* were eligible for CMS's **Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances policy** in 2017. Under this policy, which was enacted in the wake of Hurricane Irma, Florida-based

physicians who did not submit any data under MIPS in 2017 should have *automatically* received a performance score equal to the performance threshold (3 points) and a neutral payment adjustment (i.e. no penalty). However, to make sure that CMS correctly applied this policy to your practice and that you are not erroneously penalized, it is crucial to check your MIPS performance score and request a targeted review as necessary.

More information from CMS about how and when to submit a targeted review is provided below. Physicians with questions about their MIPS performance scores or whether they should submit a targeted review may contact CMS using the following information:

Phone: 1 (866) 288-8292

TTY: 1 (877) 715-6222

Email: QPP@cms.hhs.gov

Information from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Your MIPS final score and performance feedback are available now on the [Quality Payment Program website](#). The payment adjustment you will receive in 2019 is based on this final score. A positive, negative, or neutral payment adjustment will be applied to the Medicare paid amount for covered professional services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule in 2019.

MIPS-eligible clinicians or groups (along with their designated support staff or authorized third-party intermediary), including those who are subject to the APM scoring standard, may request for CMS to review their performance feedback and final score through a process called targeted review. The deadline to submit your request is October 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. (EDT).

When to request a targeted review

If you believe an error has been made in your 2019 MIPS payment adjustment calculation, you can request a targeted review until October 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. (EDT). The following are examples of circumstances in which you may wish to request a targeted review:

- Errors or data quality issues on the measures and activities you submitted
- Eligibility issues (e.g., you fall below the low-volume threshold and should not have received a payment adjustment)
- Being erroneously excluded from the APM participation list and not being scored under APM scoring standard
- Not being automatically reweighted even though you qualify for automatic reweighting due to the 2017 extreme and uncontrollable circumstances policy

This is not a comprehensive list of circumstances. CMS encourages you to contact the Quality Payment Program if you believe a targeted review of your MIPS payment adjustment (or additional MIPS payment adjustment) is warranted. We'll help you to determine if you need to submit a targeted review request.

How to request a targeted review

You can access your MIPS final score and performance feedback and request a targeted review by:

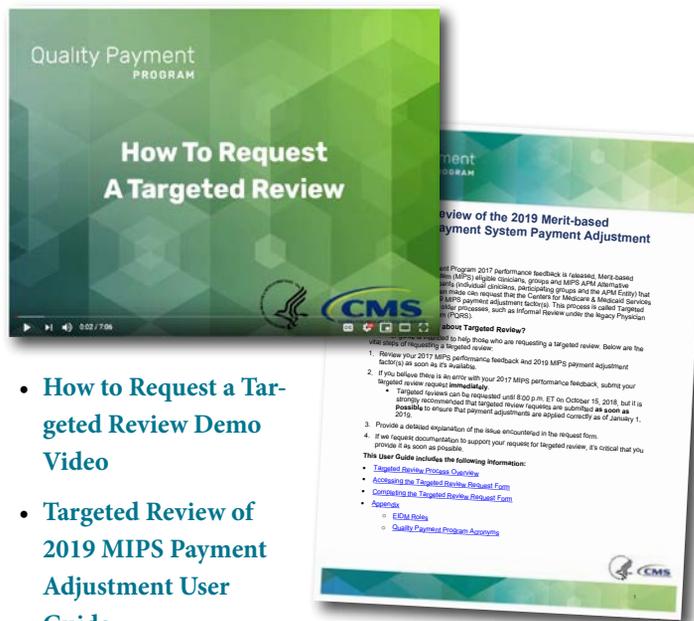
- Going to the [Quality Payment Program website](#).
- Logging in using your Enterprise Identity Management

(EIDM) credentials; these are the same EIDM credentials that allowed you to submit your MIPS data. Please refer to the [EIDM User Guide](#) for additional details.

When evaluating a targeted review request, we will generally require additional documentation to support the request. If your targeted review request is approved, CMS will update your final score and associated payment adjustment (if applicable), as soon as technically feasible. CMS will determine the amount of the upward payment adjustments after the conclusion of the targeted review submission period. Please note that targeted review decisions are final and not eligible for further review.

For more information

To learn more about the steps for requesting a targeted review, please review the following:



- [How to Request a Targeted Review Demo Video](#)
- [Targeted Review of 2019 MIPS Payment Adjustment User Guide](#)
- [Targeted Review of the 2019 Merit-based Incentive Payment System Payment Adjustment Fact Sheet](#)

Questions?

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Additional Resources: [Quality Payment Program Resource Library](#)