

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



BACKGROUND

Medicare Care Compare and the Provider Data Catalog (PDC) replaced setting-specific Compare tools (including Physician Compare) in September 2020.

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

- **Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians profile pages** provide information to help patients and their caregivers select doctors and clinicians
 - **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 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) measure-level star ratings and checkmark attestations, and Accountable Care Organization (ACO) performance information
- **Doctors and Clinicians section of the PDC** provides performance information in a tabular format for researchers and other data-focused audiences
 - **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

2017 MIPS Performance Information

- Publicly reported in 2019
- First MIPS performance information to be publicly reported, representing a small subset of available information

2018 MIPS Performance Information

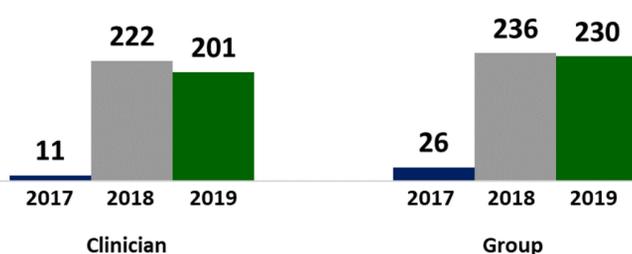
- **Available now** on Care Compare and in the PDC
- Significant expansion in publicly reported MIPS performance information for clinicians and groups

2019 MIPS Performance Information

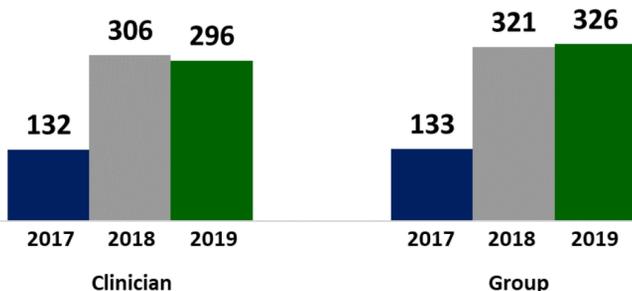
- Currently available to review during the Doctors and Clinicians Preview Period and **targeted for public reporting later this year**
- Will continue to report a large subset of MIPS performance information and add an indicator for clinicians and groups who attested negatively to one or more of the prevention of information blocking attestations

Publicly reported clinician- and group-level MIPS measures and attestations over time (years of performance: 2017-2019)

Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians



PDC: Doctors and Clinicians



Examples of star ratings and checkmark attestations

Electronic Health Record Technology performance

The Electronic Health Record Technology (EHR) star ratings are based on performance information this group reported to Medicare based on a s... [Read more](#)

Electronic prescribing of medicines ★★★★☆

More stars are better

Improvement activities

- ✓ Participating in a Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Clinic, or Indian Health Service quality improvement activity.

Publicly Reported MIPS Performance Information for Doctors and Clinicians	Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians profile pages			PDC: Doctors and Clinicians section		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Quality measures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Improvement Activities	--	✓	✓	--	✓	✓
Promoting Interoperability measures & attestations	--	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promoting Interoperability information blocking indicator	--	--	✓	--	--	✓
Alternative Payment Model participation 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 are not currently publicly reported as they do not meet public reporting standards. CMS will continue to evaluate ways to publicly report this information in future years.

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.

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