The 2017 performance year for the Quality Payment Program was:

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Snapshot of Payment Adjustments for MIPS Eligible Clinicians

- **71%** earned a positive adjustment and an adjustment for exceptional performance
- **22%** earned a positive payment adjustment only
- **2%** received a neutral adjustment (no increase or decrease)
- **5%** received a negative payment adjustment

Payment Adjustment Highlights

- **Mean National Final Score**: 74.01 points (out of 100 points) for the MIPS 2017 performance year
- **Median National Final Score**: 65.71 points for clinicians participating in MIPS as individuals or groups (not through an APM)
- **Median National Final Score**: 87.64 points for clinicians participating in MIPS through an APM

General Participation Numbers in 2017

- **Total MIPS eligible clinicians** receiving a MIPS payment adjustment (positive, neutral, or negative): 1,057,824
- **Total MIPS eligible clinicians** that reported data and received a neutral payment adjustment or better: 1,006,319
- **Total number of Qualifying APM Participants (QPs)**: 99,076
- **Total number of Partial QPs**: 52

Mean and Median National Final Scores by Submitter Type*

**INDIVIDUALS**

- **Mean Final Score**: 55.08 points
- **Median Final Score**: 60.00 points

**GROUPS**

- **Mean Final Score**: 76.2 points
- **Median Final Score**: 91.04 points

*An individual is a single TIN/NPI; a group is two or more NPIs billing under a single TIN or as an APM Entity.
Mean and Median Final Scores for Large, Small, and Rural Practices

**LARGE PRACTICES**
- Mean: 74.37 points
- Median: 90.29 points

**RURAL PRACTICES**
- Mean: 63.08 points
- Median: 75.29 points

**SMALL PRACTICES**
- Mean: 43.46 points
- Median: 37.67 points

**SMALL & RURAL PRACTICES**
- Mean: 44.66 points
- Median: 42.00 points

Additional Breakout of Payment Adjustments based on Special Status

**RURAL PRACTICES**
- 6% received a negative payment adjustment
- 1% received a neutral adjustment
- 28% earned a positive payment adjustment
- 65% earned an additional adjustment for exceptional performance

**SMALL PRACTICES**
- 19% received a negative payment adjustment
- 8% received a neutral adjustment
- 30% earned a positive payment adjustment
- 44% earned an additional adjustment for exceptional performance

How We Are Helping Small Practices in Year 3

- Continuing to offer no-cost, customized support to small and rural practices through the Small, Underserved, and Rural Support technical assistance initiative
- Retaining the small practice bonus under MIPS and moving it to the Quality performance category
- Allowing small practices to continue submitting quality data for covered professional services through the Medicare Part B claims submission type for the Quality performance category
- Continuing the application-based reweighting option for the Promoting Interoperability performance category for clinicians in small practices
- Continuing to provide small practices with the option to participate in MIPS as a virtual group

Need Help? To learn more about participating in the Quality Payment Program:
Visit the Quality Payment Program [website](#)
Find your local support organization for no-cost [technical assistance](#)
Contact the Quality Payment Program at [OPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:OPP@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-866-288-8292 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222)

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Note: Mean is the sum of all Final Scores/count of Final Scores by unique TIN/NPI
Median is the midpoint in distribution of all Final Scores