

Partial Qualified Participants (QP) Status

Clinicians who do not meet the threshold to become a QP but meet a slightly lower threshold of advanced alternative payment model (APM) participation are deemed partial QPs. Partial QPs do not receive the APM incentives but are exempt from the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), though they may choose to report and receive MIPS payment adjustments voluntarily. In 2017, clinicians in an advanced APM must meet or exceed either **20 percent of Medicare payments or 10 percent of Medicare patients** to be exempt from 2017 MIPS reporting and potential payment adjustments in 2019.

APM entities and clinicians will know their QP or partial QP status before the MIPS election period; CMS anticipates announcing 2017 determinations before Dec. 31, 2017. APM entities or clinicians that are determined to have partial QP status may elect to participate in MIPS. As a default, CMS will assume non-participation in MIPS unless then APM entity or clinician opts in by submitting data under MIPS. Additional details regarding MIPS reporting can be [found here](#).

Partial QPs who participate in certain advanced APMs and opt into MIPS will receive favorable scoring under the MIPS. For 2017, those advanced APMs receiving favorable MIPS scoring are Tracks 2 and 3 of the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Next Generation Accountable Care Organization program. More information about this favorable scoring under MIPS is [available here](#).