

# MIPS: What's new?

Review the revised 2018 program requirements as you develop your MIPS plan.



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# ELIGIBILITY

The low-volume threshold has needed for MIPS eligibility has increased in 2018.



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in Part B



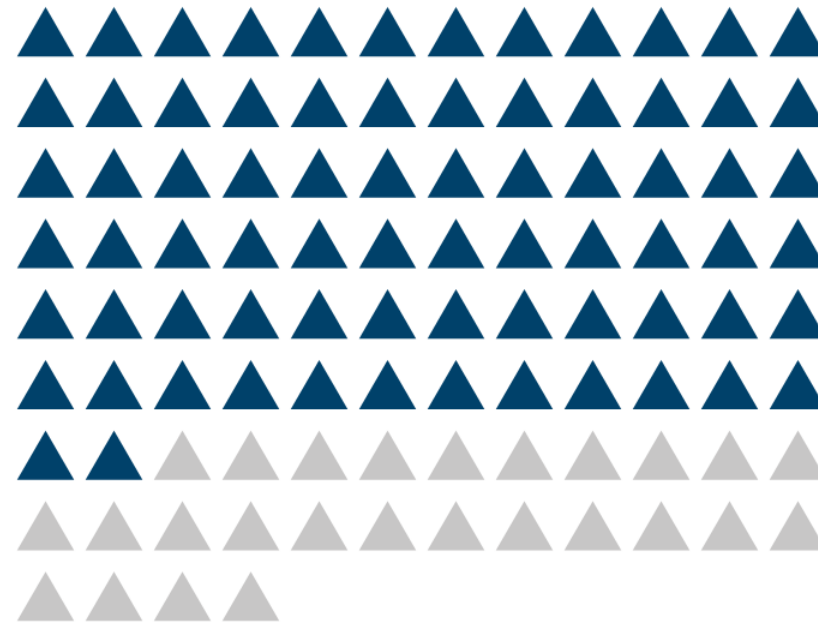
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**NOT**  
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**27% of radiation oncologists are newly ineligible due to the increased threshold.**



■ Eligible (73.88%) ■ Not Eligible (26.12%)

# 2018 BASICS

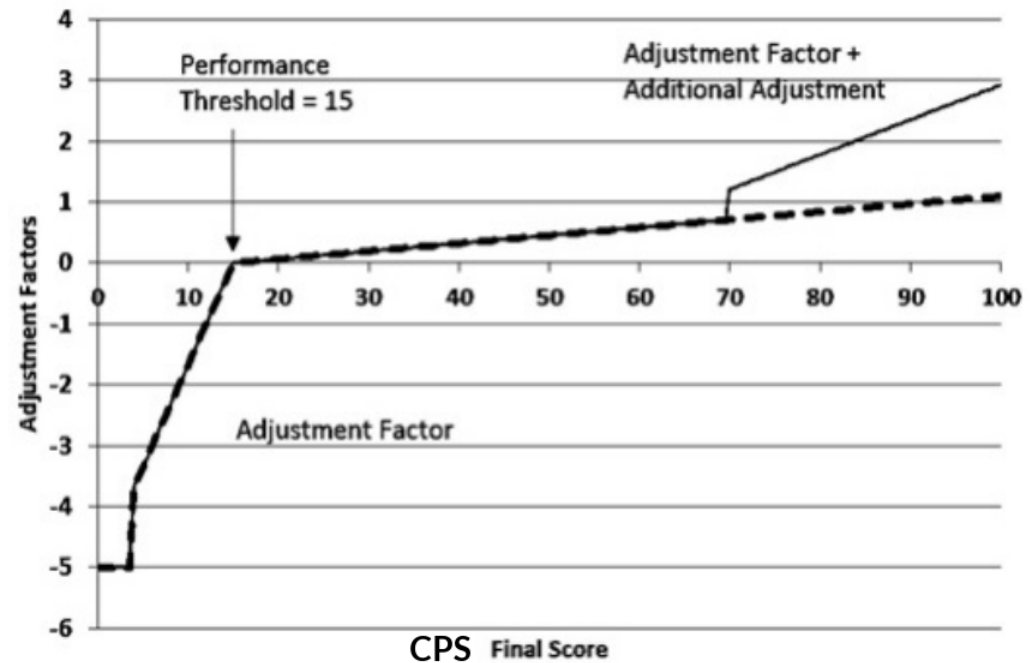
Some of the performance category weights have changed in 2018. Also, practices now need 15 Composite Performance Score (CPS) points to avoid the 5% penalty.

### Category Weights



- Quality (50%)
- Advancing Care Information (25%)
- Improvement Activities (15%)
- Cost (10%)

### 2018 Performance Threshold





## QUALITY

- Now full-year reporting
- Now 60% of all denominator-eligible patients regardless of payer
- Added improvement score



## IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 20 new activities
- Changes to existing activities



## ADVANCING CARE INFORMATION

- New bonus activities
- New "Small practice" hardship



## COST

- Now included in final MIPS score
- Added improvement score

NEW

2018 introduces two new bonuses that, once calculated, will be added on top of the MIPS CPS.



## SMALL PRACTICE

Solo clinicians and groups of 15 or less automatically receive 5 bonus points.



## COMPLEX PATIENT

Individuals and groups receive a bonus based on the Dual Eligible Ratio and the HCC score of the patient population.

# VIRTUAL GROUPS

2018 introduces a new participation method. Now solo physicians or groups of 10 or less can join together to submit as a Virtual Group.



## Requirements

- Will be scored across all 4 MIPS performance categories
- Requires formal contracting
- CMS approval - deadline 12/31/17
- Must be MIPS eligible to join



**Virtual Group election for 2018 is closed, but consider whether it is a good option for 2019.**



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