

Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

2024 Opt-in and Voluntary
Reporting Election Process
Guide



MIPS EUC Exception Application Reopening and Submission Extension Due to National IV Fluid Shortage

On March 24, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced via QPP listserv that it will reopen the 2024 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC) Exception Application to provide relief to practices in response to the ongoing national intravenous (IV) fluid shortage.

- **The application will reopen Monday, March 31, 2025, at 10 a.m. ET, and will close April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.**
 - CMS is reopening the 2024 MIPS EUC Exception Application window in response to the national IV fluid shortage; therefore, CMS will only accept applications citing the shortage as the basis for requesting reweighting under the MIPS EUC Exception. Any applications submitted for reasons outside of the national IV fluid shortage will be denied.
- **CMS is also extending the MIPS data submission deadline until April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.**
 - **IMPORTANT!** The deadline for certain clinicians, groups, and Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entities to elect to participate in MIPS – because they are opt-in eligible due to the low-volume threshold or are partially qualifying APM participants (Partial QPs) – is still March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.
 - Opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who want to report MIPS data must complete their opt-in election by March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET. (Data must be submitted by April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.)

For more information, please review this fact sheet: [2024 MIPS Data Submission Deadline Extended and EUC Applications to Reopen in Response to National IV Fluid Shortage \(PDF, 285KB\)](#)



Opt-In Election Workflow for Third Party Intermediaries

QCDR and Qualified Registry Representatives:

As announced through the QPP listserv, we've extended the 2023 data submission deadline until Monday, April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET. However, the deadline to submit opt-in elections for your [opt-in eligible](#) clients remains Monday, March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.

- If you don't have opt-in eligible clients, or they don't want to submit data, you can disregard this message.
- **If your opt-in eligible clients want to submit data and have authorized you to make an election on their behalf**, you'll need to use the QPP Application Programming Interface (API) to post their election to the opt-in decision endpoint by Monday, March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET. Review the opt-in API documentation here: <https://cmsgov.github.io/qpp-eligibility-docs/opt-in>.
- **If you don't use the QPP API but have been authorized to make opt-in elections on behalf of your clients**, you can ask them to make their own election by March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET. They should follow the directions for "Practice Representatives" in this guide.
 - If they make their election before this day and time, you can submit their MIPS data until Monday, April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.
 - Otherwise, you'll need to submit their data and make their election by the original submission deadline of Monday, March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.

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Purpose:

This guide will cover the general information about opt-in elections, as well as the election process on the QPP website for practice representatives (staff, clinicians, solo practitioners) and Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs)/Qualified Registries. Both practice representatives and QCDRs/registries can submit opt-in elections on behalf of a group and individual clinicians, but the workflow differs.

Already know what MIPS is? Skip ahead by clicking the links in the Table of Contents.

How to Use this Guide

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Please Note: This guide was prepared for informational purposes only and isn't intended to grant rights or impose obligations. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It isn't intended to take the place of the written law, including the regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations, and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.

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Overview

Opt-In Eligible Clinicians and Groups

A clinician or group that is otherwise eligible for MIPS and exceeds 1 or 2, but not all 3 low-volume threshold criteria, is considered “opt-in eligible.”

If you’re opt-in eligible, you can:

- **Do nothing.** You don’t exceed the low-volume threshold and aren’t required to participate in MIPS.
- **Elect to opt-in.** If you choose to opt-in, you’ll submit data, receive performance feedback, and receive a MIPS payment adjustment in 2026.
 - You can opt-in to report [traditional MIPS](#) or the [APM Performance Pathway \(APP\)](#).
 - You **can’t** opt-in to report a [MIPS Value Pathway \(MVP\)](#).
- **Elect to voluntarily report.** If you don’t want to receive a MIPS payment adjustment in 2026, but want to participate in MIPS, you can voluntarily report data and receive limited performance feedback on the data you report.
 - You can voluntarily report [traditional MIPS](#).
 - You **can’t** voluntarily report a [MIPS Value Pathway \(MVP\)](#) or the [APM Performance Pathway \(APP\)](#).

Note:

APM Entities can’t opt-in to MIPS. However, opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who are also MIPS APM Participants can opt-in to participate in traditional MIPS and/or the APM Performance Pathway (APP) at the individual or group level.

Don’t Want to Submit Data?

Opt-in eligible clinicians, groups, and APM entities that don’t want to submit data **DON’T** have to make an election.



OVERVIEW

Opt-In Eligible Clinicians and Groups (Continued)

A clinician or group that is otherwise eligible for MIPS and exceeds 1 or 2, but not all 3 low-volume threshold criteria, is considered “opt-in eligible.”

If you’re opt-in eligible,

- You must submit and confirm an election to opt-in or voluntarily report for your opt-in eligible clinicians and groups before their data can be submitted.
- Once an election is made to opt-in or voluntarily report, **the decision is final and can’t be reversed.**

Virtual Groups: If a group is part of a virtual group and exceeds 1 or 2, but not all 3 low-volume threshold criteria (and is otherwise eligible to participate in a virtual group), the group is considered “opt-in eligible” and will be able to participate in MIPS as part of a virtual group. A virtual group election that includes the listing of such group confirms such group’s election to opt-in and participate in MIPS as part of a virtual group.

Note:

APM Entities aren’t evaluated for the low-volume threshold. However, opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who are also MIPS APM Participants can opt-in to participate in traditional MIPS and/or the APM Performance Pathway (APP) at the individual or group level.

Don’t Want to Submit Data?

Opt-in eligible clinicians, groups, and APM entities that don’t want to submit data **DON’T** have to make an election.



Important Dates and Deadlines: Opt-in and Voluntary Reporting Elections

December 2024

- Updated MIPS eligibility determinations for the 2024 performance period is released, data is reconciled from the two 12-month segments of the [MIPS Determination Period](#).
- **HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE?**
 - Check your final MIPS eligibility status for the 2024 performance period using the [QPP Participation Status Tool](#).

March 31, 2025

- 2024 opt-in and voluntary reporting election period and data submission period ends on March 31, 2025.
- **WHEN DO I NEED TO ELECT TO OPT-IN OR REPORT VOLUNTARILY BY?**
 - If you're opt-in eligible and want to submit data, you must complete your opt-in or voluntary reporting election and submit your data by **March 31, 2025**.

December
2024

January 2,
2025

March 31,
2025

January 2, 2025

- 2024 opt-in and voluntary reporting election period and data submission period opens January 2, 2025.
- **HOW DO I ELECT TO OPT-IN OR REPORT VOLUNTARILY?**
 - Sign into the [QPP website](#) to complete the opt-in or voluntary reporting election in order to submit data.
 - If you're working with a QCDR or Qualified Registry, they can also complete this election on your behalf before submitting your data.

Updated 3/28/2025: Opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who want to report MIPS data must complete their opt-in election by March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.

MIPS data can be submitted until April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.



Opt-In Eligible Individuals and Groups

INDIVIDUAL CLINICIANS	GROUPS
Opt-in eligible clinicians will see the following status on the QPP Participation Status Tool. MIPS Eligibility: INDIVIDUAL Opt-in Option: Opt-in-eligible as individual	Opt-in eligible groups will see the following status on the QPP Participation Status Tool. MIPS Eligibility: GROUP Opt-in Option: Opt-in eligible as group
If you're opt-in eligible as an individual, you can: • Make an individual election to opt-in or voluntarily report to traditional MIPS so you can submit data as an individual; • Individual clinicians in a MIPS APM: Make an election to opt-in to report the APP as an individual (you can't voluntarily report the APP) • Do nothing (you're not required to participate in MIPS as an individual or make an election).	If you're opt-in eligible as a group, you can: • Make a group election to opt-in or voluntarily report to traditional MIPS so you can submit data as group; • Groups w/ clinicians in a MIPS APM: Make an election to opt-in to report the APP as a group. The final score earned by the group through the APP would be applied only to those MIPS eligible clinicians who appear on a MIPS APM's Participation List or Affiliated Practitioner List on one or more snapshot dates. • Do nothing (you're not required to participate in MIPS as a group or make an election).



Opting-In vs. Voluntary Reporting

If you're opt-in eligible for the 2024 performance period **and** want to submit MIPS data, you need to choose whether to **opt-in** or **voluntarily report**.

IF YOU ELECT TO OPT IN:	IF YOU ELECT TO VOLUNTARY REPORT:
✓ Participants in a MIPS APM can choose whether to report the APP or traditional MIPS. ✗ You can't opt-in to report an MVP.	✓ Participants in a MIPS APM can voluntarily report via traditional MIPS. ✗ You can't voluntarily report the APP or an MVP.
✓ You will receive a MIPS payment adjustment (positive, negative, or neutral).*	✓ You won't receive a payment adjustment.
✓ You'll receive performance feedback.	✓ You'll receive limited performance feedback ✗ You won't receive feedback on cost measures or claims quality measures.
✓ Your data will be included in measure benchmark calculations.	✗ Your data won't be included in measure benchmark calculations.
✓ Your data will be made available for public reporting in the Doctors & Clinicians section of Medicare Care Compare.	✓ Your data will be made available for public reporting in the Doctors & Clinicians section of Medicare Care Compare. Voluntary reporters can choose to opt-out of having their data publicly reported during the Care Compare Preview period (expected in Spring 2025).

While unlikely, it's possible that both a practice and a clinician are opt-in eligible. If the practice elects to opt-in as a group and the clinician elects to opt-in as an individual, the clinician would be assigned the higher of the two final scores and associated payment adjustment.



Opting-in as a Group

- If you opt-in to traditional MIPS as a group, all MIPS eligible clinicians in the practice will receive a payment adjustment based on the group's performance.
- If a group opts-in to the APP, the final APP score earned by the group only applies to clinicians who appear on a MIPS APM's Participation List or Affiliated Practitioner List on one or more snapshot dates.
- Clinicians in the group that opted-in to the APP who are not MIPS APM participants will not receive a payment adjustment based on their group's APP performance; these clinicians will receive a traditional MIPS score. Final payment adjustment will be based on the highest available score or virtual group participation, if applicable.



What Do I Need to do to Prepare for This Election Process?

To complete the election to opt-in or report voluntarily, you need to:



Verify Your MIPS Eligibility for the 2024 performance period.

- Check your final MIPS eligibility using the [QPP Participation Status Tool](#).



Confirm and Communicate Your Decision to Opt-in or Voluntarily Report.

- If you're working with a QCDR or Qualified registry, make sure to communicate whether you want to opt-in or voluntarily report traditional MIPS, or opt-in to report the APP.



Have a HARP Account and QPP Role to complete the election.

- Review the [QPP Access User Guide \(PDF\)](#) for information about creating an account and requesting a QPP role.

Submitting Opt-in and Voluntary Reporting Elections via Application Programming Interface (API)

Authorized QCDR and Qualified Registry representatives can submit opt-in and voluntary reporting elections on behalf of their opt-in eligible clients via the [QPP API](#).

- Elections can be made during the submission period (January 2, 2025, through March 31, 2025).
- [Eligibility API documentation](#) contains instructions on how to submit opt-in and voluntary reporting elections.
- Elections must be made before you can use the [Submissions API](#) to submit data on behalf of opt-in eligible clients.



Sign in to the QPP
Website to Complete
Your Election

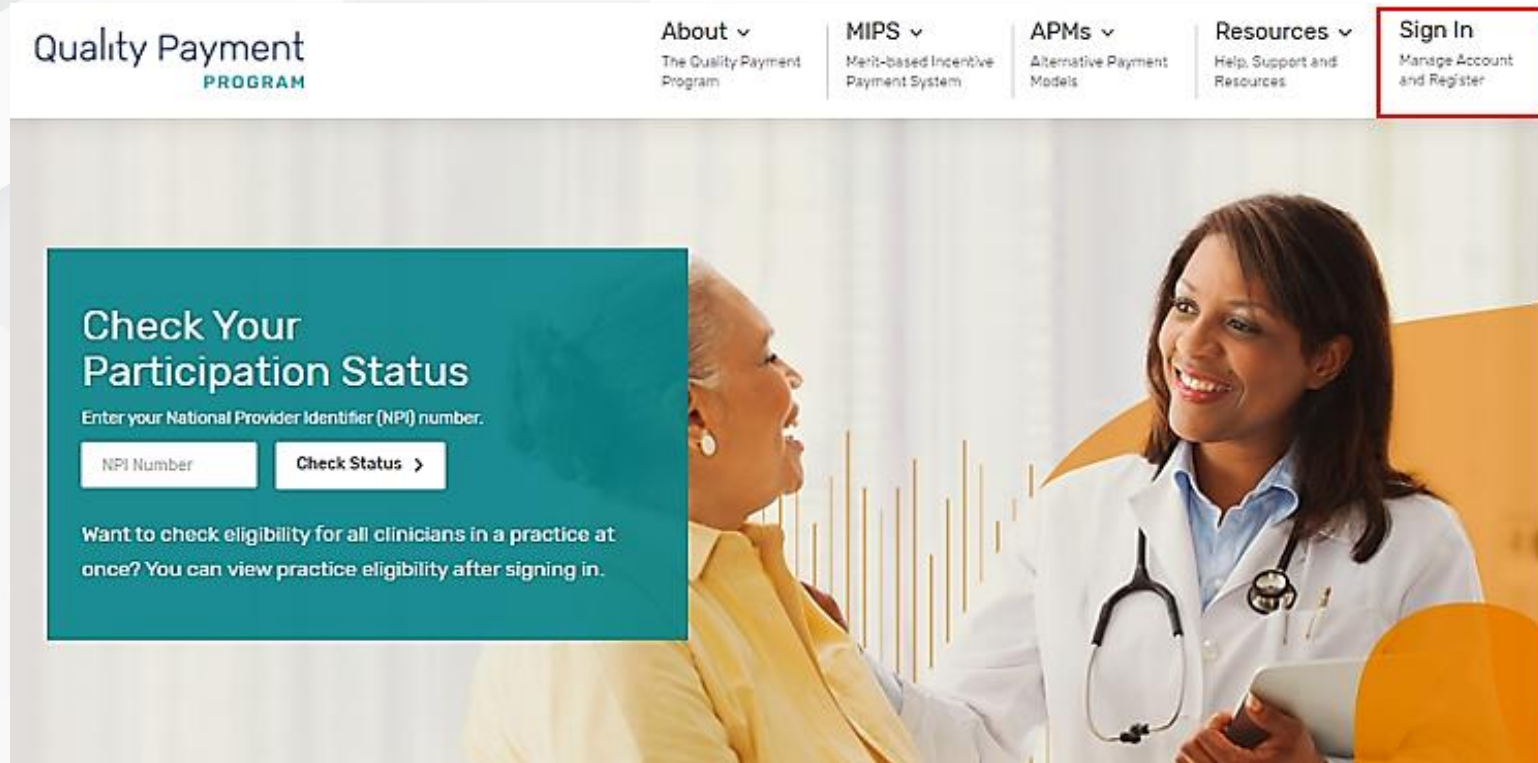
Submission Extension Due to National IV Fluid Shortage

- Opt-in eligible clinicians and groups who want to report MIPS data must complete their opt-in election by March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.
- Data can be submitted until April 14, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.
- **You won't be able to submit MIPS data if you don't complete your opt-in election by March 31, 2025, at 8 p.m. ET.**



Navigate to the QPP Website

- All users will navigate to the [QPP website](#) and click **Sign In** found in the upper right corner of the page to sign in to your QPP Account to complete your election to opt in or voluntarily report.



Disclaimer: This guide captures images of the process for opting-in or voluntarily reporting. The information captured in the screenshots may not be the exact language, workflow, or design that is finalized in the system on January 2, 2025.

Sign in to your QPP Account

All users will navigate to the [QPP website](#) and click **Sign In** found in the upper right corner of the page to sign in to your QPP Account to complete your election to opt in or voluntarily report.

IF YOU ARE A RETURNING USER AND HAVE A QPP ACCOUNT

Enter your **User ID** and **Password**. Then click **“Sign in.”**
Click **“Yes, I agree”** to the Statement of Truth prompt.

QPP Account

Sign in to QPP

User ID

Password

Show password

[Forgot user ID or password](#)

If you are a representative of a Shared Savings Program ACO and can access the ACO Management System (ACO-MS), then you can sign in to QPP using the same User ID and Password.

Sign in >

OR

Register for QPP

IF YOU'RE A NEW USER AND DON'T HAVE A QPP ACCOUNT

Click **Register for QPP** to establish your sign in credentials through the HCQIS Access Roles and Profile (HARP) system. To access HARP, click **Register with HARP**.

Review the [QPP Access Guide \(ZIP\)](#) for information on the registration process.

QPP Account

Sign in to QPP

User ID

Password

Show password

[Forgot user ID or password](#)

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Navigate to Eligibility & Reporting

After you successfully sign in, click the **Eligibility & Reporting** tab found on the left side navigation bar or click **Start Reporting** on the right side of the page.

-  Account Home
-  Registration
-  Eligibility & Reporting
-  Performance Feedback
-  APM Incentive Payments



Performance Year (PY) 2024 Submission Reporting Window is Now Open

You are now able to start your reporting for the PY 2024 submission year.

Start reporting



Election Process

Election Process Workflows

Both practice representatives and QCDRs/registries can submit opt-in elections on behalf of a group and individual clinicians, but the workflow differs:

- [Practice Representatives](#) (i.e. Staff, Clinicians, Solo Practitioners)
- [QCDRs and Qualified Registries](#)



Practice Representatives: Election Process

Step 1: Select the Practices Tab

Click on the **Practices tab** and review the practices you are connected to. If you don't see a practice, please refer to the [QPP Access Guide \(ZIP\)](#) for information on connecting to an organization.

The screenshot shows the 'Eligibility & Reporting' page for 'Performance Year 2022'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Account Home, Eligibility & Reporting (highlighted), Performance Feedback, APM Incentive Payments, Exceptions Application, Targeted Review, Reports, Manage Access, and Help and Support. The main content area has a header 'Eligibility & Reporting' and 'Performance Year 2022'. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Performance Year 2022'. The main content area contains two informational boxes. The first box, titled 'The OPP Participation Status Tool currently includes the following Performance Year (PY) 2022 eligibility data.', lists two updates: 'November 2022: Updated PY 2022 MIPS eligibility and special statuses based on a review of claims and PECOS data from October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. This status is final unless your OP status changes as a result of the 3rd APM snapshot.' and 'Next Update (Anticipated Timeframe): December 2022: OP status and MIPS APM participation status based on the 3rd APM snapshot'. The second box states 'The submission window for Performance Year 2022 opens on January 2, 2023.' Below these boxes are three tabs: 'Virtual Groups', 'APM Entities', and 'Practices' (highlighted with a red box). A search bar is located below the tabs, labeled 'Search by practice name'. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing 1 - 3 of 3 Practices | Download'. The first practice listed is 'Dittrich, Krajčiek and Urbanová' with TIN: #166000095, address: 414 Treutel Plains Apt. 779, South Shannamouth, NJ 11664-6997, and status: MIPS EXEMPT (not in eligible). To the right of the practice name are two buttons: 'Report as Group' and 'Report as Individuals'.

Select the Practices Tab

Report as a Group or
Individual Clinician

Group Reporting
Options

Confirm Selection

Start Reporting



Step 2: Report as a Group or Individual Clinician

Select **Report as Group** (or **Report as Individuals**) to the right of the practice's eligibility summary to begin the election process.

- This guide uses a group election example.
- If you select **Report as Individuals** a list of clinicians associated with the practice will populate. Select **Report as Individual** to the right of an opt-in eligible clinician's name to make an election for that clinician.

Dittrich, Krajčcek and Urbanová
TIN: #166000093 | 414 Treutel Plains Apt. 779, South Shavannamouth, NJ 11664-6997

⊗ MIPS EXEMPT [Opt-in eligible](#)

Exceeds Low Volume Threshold: No
Medicare Patients at this practice: 108
Allowed Charges at this practice: \$50,902.00
Covered Services at this practice: 516
Special Statuses, Exceptions and Other Reporting Factors: Small practice

[View practice details & clinician eligibility >](#)

Reminder: If your practice is participating as a group, you don't need to make an election for individual clinicians unless they are also submitting individual data.



Step 3: Group Reporting Options

Reporting options for the group (or individual clinician) will populate with descriptions of each election option.

Select either **Opt-In** or **Report Voluntarily** to proceed with the election process.

- Select **Opt-In** if you're electing for the practice to receive a MIPS final score based on a group submission and for all MIPS eligible clinicians to receive a payment adjustment.

OR

- Select **Report Voluntarily** if you're electing for the practice to receive a MIPS final score based on a group submission, but no payment adjustment for the MIPS eligible clinicians.
 - **NOTE:** You can't voluntarily report the APP.

Change Your Mind? If you change your mind, you also can **cancel and go back** to the main Eligibility & Reporting page.

Group Reporting Options

To participate in MIPS, you must decide whether you will **opt-in** or **report voluntarily** before any data can be submitted.

Dittrich, Krajíček and Urbanová
TIN: 166000093
MIPS EXEMPT

Elect to Opt-In

By electing to Opt-In, you become MIPS eligible. You will receive a MIPS final score and a payment adjustment in 2024.

Opt-In

Choose to Report Voluntarily

By voluntarily reporting MIPS data, you will receive performance feedback for informational purposes only. You will not receive a payment adjustment in 2024. Voluntary reporting through the APM Performance Pathway (APP) isn't permitted.

Report Voluntarily

[Cancel and Go Back](#)

Select the Practices Tab

Report as a Group or
Individual Clinician

Group Reporting
Options

Confirm Selection

Start Reporting



Step 4: Confirm Selection

Verify your election by typing “CONFIRM” in the text field and clicking **I’m Sure, Confirm Opt In or I’m Sure, Report Voluntarily**.

Next, you will receive a message confirming your election and the option to **Start Reporting**.

The diagram illustrates the confirmation process. On the left, the 'Are You Sure?' dialog box contains a warning message: 'By opting-in, Dittrich, Krajíček and Urbanová will become MIPS eligible for the 2022 performance year and will receive a final score based on any data submitted or not submitted. This election is permanent and cannot be changed later.' Below this is a text input field with the placeholder 'Please Type "CONFIRM"' and the text 'CONFIRM' entered. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Cancel and Go Back' and 'I'm Sure, Confirm Opt In'. A red arrow points from the 'I'm Sure, Confirm Opt In' button to the 'Opt-In Confirmed' message box on the right. The 'Opt-In Confirmed' box displays the message: 'Dittrich, Krajíček and Urbanová has been successfully opted in to report for the 2022 performance year.' and a 'Start Reporting' button. Below the 'Opt-In Confirmed' box is a teal box titled 'Change Your Mind?' with the text: 'If you change your mind on opting-in or reporting voluntarily, click **Change My Election** if you don't want to proceed. Once an election to opt-in or voluntarily report is confirmed that election can't be undone or changed.'

Select the Practices Tab

Report as a Group or
Individual Clinician

Group Reporting
Options

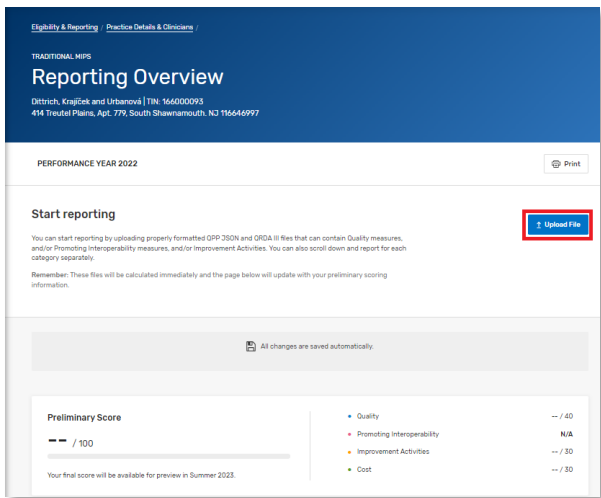
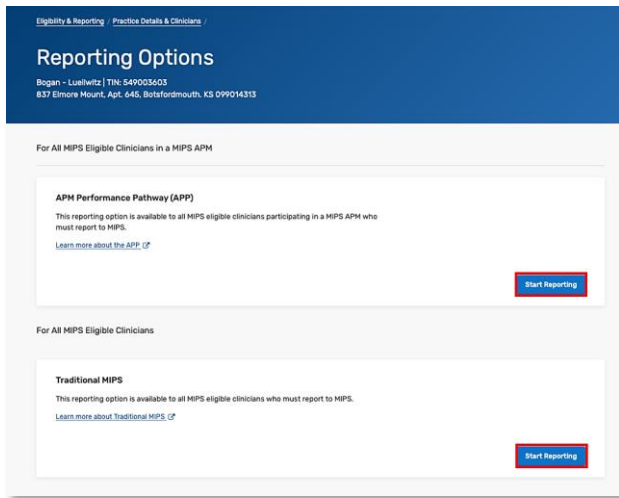
Confirm Selection

Start Reporting



Step 5: Start Reporting

Reminder: The submission period is January 2, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

REPORTING OVERVIEW	REPORTING OPTIONS (MIPS APM PARTICIPANTS ONLY)
Once you confirm your election, you'll be brought to the Reporting Overview page, where you can begin submitting data.	If you elected to opt-in, you'll be brought to the Reporting Options page where you'll be required to indicate if you're reporting traditional MIPS or the APP. As a reminder you can't voluntarily report the APP.
	

Select the Practices Tab

Report as a Group or
Individual ClinicianGroup Reporting
Options

Confirm Selection

Start Reporting



Eligibility & Reporting Homepage

Participation Update on Eligibility & Reporting Homepage

After completing an election to opt-in at the **group level**, you'll see an **updated eligibility status** on the **Eligibility & Reporting** page.

The screenshot shows the 'Eligibility & Reporting' homepage for a user named Jason M. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Account Home, Eligibility & Reporting (selected), Performance Feedback, APM Incentive Payments, Exceptions Application, Targeted Review, Reports, Manage Access, and Help and Support. The main content area is titled 'Eligibility & Reporting' with a sub-header 'Performance Year 2024'. A dropdown menu shows 'Performance Year 2024'. A notification box states: 'The QPP Participation Status Tool is showing your final Performance Year (PY) 2024 eligibility status: December 2024: Updated to include 2024 QP status and MIPS APM participation status based on the 3rd snapshot of APM data. The 3rd snapshot looks at data from January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024. Next update (Anticipated Timeframe): March 2025: We'll update MIPS APM participation status based on the 4th APM snapshot of APM (data from January 1 - December 31, 2024)'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Virtual Groups', 'APM Entities', and 'Practices' (selected). A search bar is present with the text 'Search by practice name'. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing 1 - 3 of 3 Practices | Download'. The first practice listed is 'Dittrich, Krajčůek and Urbanová' with TIN: #166000093 | 414 Treutel Plains Apt. 779, South Shawnaumouth, NJ 11664-6997. A red box highlights the status 'MIPS ELIGIBLE VIA OPT-IN'.

If you completed an opt-in election at the **individual level**, you'll see their **updated eligibility status** on the **Practice Details & Clinicians** page.

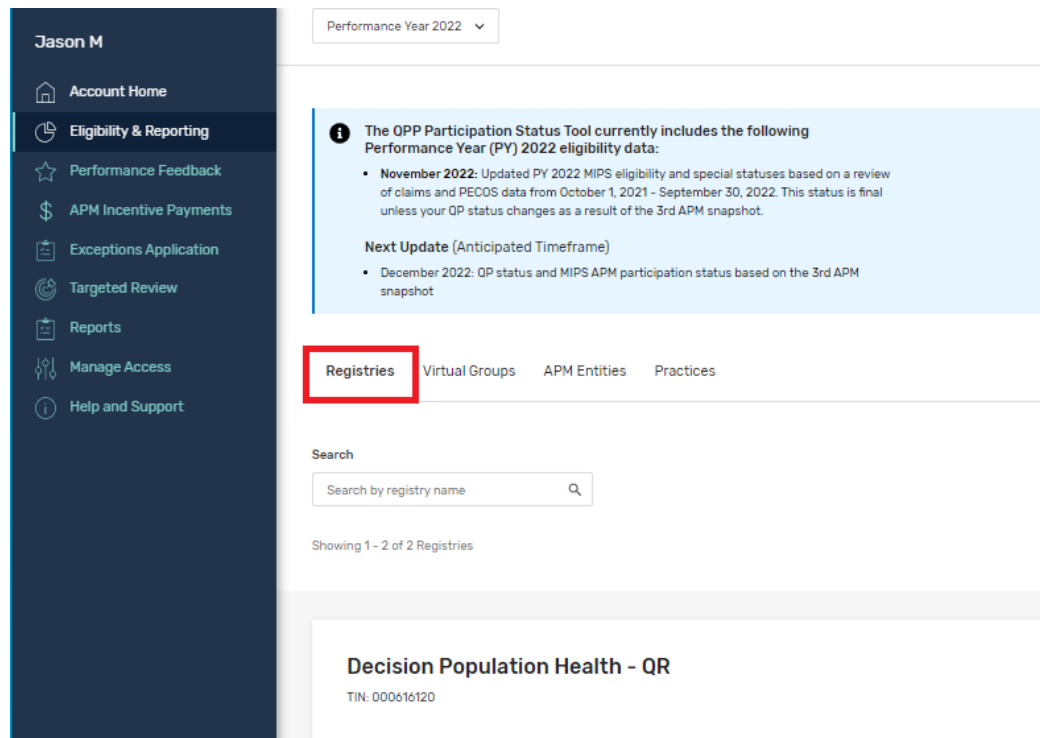
The screenshot shows the 'Practice Details & Clinicians' page for 'Malave, Mascareñas and Jiménez' with Performance Year (PY) 2024. The page includes a dropdown for 'Performance Year 2024'. A 'Report as group' button is visible. The practice information is: TIN: 000007280 | 303 Dach Avenue Suite 303, West Dorian, ME 28741-3508. The status is 'MIPS ELIGIBLE'. Below this, it says 'Special Statutes, Exceptions and Other Reporting Factors: Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Small practice'. A link '+ View complete eligibility details' is present. The 'Connected Clinicians' section shows a search bar and a list of clinicians. The first clinician is 'Emil Häring at Malave, Mascareñas and Jiménez' with NPI: #1033313069 | Doctor of Medicine. A 'Report as individual' button is visible. The MIPS Eligibility is 'INDIVIDUAL VIA OPT-IN' (highlighted with a red box) and 'GROUP'. Below this, a 'REPORTING REQUIREMENTS' section states: 'This clinician is not required to report because they do not exceed the individual low-volume threshold. Because they exceed one or two elements of the low-volume threshold, however, they can opt-in to report as an individual. In either case, because the practice exceeds the low-volume threshold, if the practice reports as a group, the clinician's data will be included.' A link '+ View complete eligibility details' is present at the bottom.



QCDRs and Qualified Registries: Election Process

Step 1: Select the Registries Tab

Click on the **Registries** tab and review the qualified registries and/or QCDRs you are connected to. If you don't see a registry or QCDR that you should be connected with, please refer to the [QPP Access Guide \(ZIP\)](#) for information on connecting to an organization.



Select the Registries
Tab

Click Upload File(s)

Upload Data

Election Selection for
Eligible Participants

Confirm Election
Selection for Eligible
Participants

View Submission



Step 2: Click Upload File(s)

Click **Upload File(s)** and upload a JavaScript Object Notation (QPP JSON) or Quality Reporting Document Architecture Extensible Markup Language (QRDA XML) file(s) that contain all or single category data for your clients.

The screenshot shows the 'Registry Submission Details' page for Performance Year (PY) 2022. The page has a blue header with the title and a breadcrumb 'Eligibility & Reporting /'. Below the header, there's a white section with a dropdown menu for 'Performance Year 2022' and a 'Print' button. The main content area is titled 'Start Reporting' and contains instructions: 'Start by uploading a JSON that contains all or single category data. If you submit data using the submission API you will see the submissions on this page.' It also includes a link to 'View Registry Instructions' and a reminder: 'Remember: These files/API submissions will be calculated immediately and the page below will update with your preliminary scoring information.' A blue button labeled 'Upload File(s)' with an upward arrow icon is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below it is a button labeled 'ACCESS API TOKEN'. At the bottom of the page, there's a status bar that says 'All changes are saved automatically.'



Step 3: Upload Data

Upload File

DRAG & DROP

Upload Data

Your JSON or QRDA III file here, or [browse](#).

File(s) to upload (9)

drClark.json	
drConners.json	
drDoom.json	
drOtto.json	
drParker.json	

[Cancel](#) [Upload File](#)

Accepted files to upload

This upload tool accepts properly formatted **JSON** and **QRDA III** files. Any files submitted are received and calculated immediately.

[Learn more](#)

After selecting Upload File(s), an **Upload Data** modal will populate. Upload your JSON or QRDA III file(s) via **drag and drop** or **browse** and attach file(s).

Select the Registries
Tab

Click Upload File(s)

Upload Data

Election Selection for
Eligible Participants

Confirm Election
Selection for Eligible
Participants

View Submission



Step 4: Election Selection for Eligible Participants

You'll see a list of all the opt-in eligible groups and clinicians included in the submission.

- **Individual clinicians** are identified by Taxpayer Identification Number and National Provider Identifier combination (TIN/NPI).
- **Groups** are identified by TIN.

You'll need to make an election for each TIN and TIN/NPI:

- **No Decision:** you don't want to continue with data upload for this participant (they will remain exempt unless an election is made later).
- **Report Voluntarily:** the clinician or group will not receive a payment adjustment based on data submitted.
- **Opt-In:** the clinician or group will receive a payment adjustment based on data submitted.

Once you complete your selection, click **Submit Elections**.

Opt-In Eligible Participants

1 The following clinicians or groups have been identified as "opt-in eligible" for MIPS. To complete this file upload, you must indicate their preference to **Report Voluntarily** or **Opt-In** to MIPS.

	Participant	No Decision	Report Voluntarily	Opt-in
TIN	000754342	☐	☒	☐
TIN	999159305	☐	☐	☒
TIN	000043560	☐	☐	☒
TIN	000010101	☐	☒	☐

Participant Elections

No Decision 0
The clinician or group will not be uploaded and will remain MIPS Exempt.

Report Voluntarily 2
The clinician or group will receive performance feedback but will not receive a payment adjustment in 2024. Voluntary reporting through the APM Performance Pathway (APP) isn't permitted.

Opt-In 2
The clinician or group will receive performance feedback and a MIPS payment adjustment in 2024.

Submit Selections

Cancel File Upload

Change Your Mind? You can click Cancel File Upload, which will cancel the entire upload (including data for those who are already MIPS eligible). Once an election to opt-in or voluntarily report is confirmed that election can't be undone or changed.



Step 5: Confirm Election Selection for Eligible Participants

Next, you will be asked to verify your selection for eligible participants. When prompted to confirm your selection, type **CONFIRM** and click **I'm Sure, Confirm Elections**. Then, you will receive a **confirmation message** and option to **Continue Reporting** after you click, **I'm Sure, Confirm Elections**.

Need to Change Your Selections? Click **Cancel** and **Go Back**. Once an election to opt in or voluntarily report is confirmed, that election can't be undone or changed.

The 'Are You Sure?' dialog box contains two sections: 'Report Voluntarily' and 'Opt-Ins', each with a count of 2. Below these sections is a text input field with the placeholder 'Please Type "CONFIRM"' and the text 'CONFIRM' entered. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Cancel and Go Back' and 'I'm Sure, Confirm Elections'.

The 'Participation Selections Confirmed' message box states: 'Your selected participants have been successfully opted-in to report for the 2022 performance year.' At the bottom right is a button labeled 'Continue Reporting'.

Select the Registries Tab

Click Upload File(s)

Upload Data

Election Selection for Eligible Participants

Confirm Election Selection for Eligible Participants

View Submission



Step 6: View Submission

After you click **Continue Reporting**, you'll receive confirmation that your file was successfully uploaded and can continue to view your submission data by clicking **View Submission** and will be brought to the **Registry Submission Details** page.

Upload File

Upload Successful
Your files were successfully uploaded. You can now review your submitted data on the Overview and Category Details pages.

File(s) uploaded (1)

✓ starLabs.json

Uploading this file will **overwrite the submission data you've submitted**.
A maximum of 50 files can be processed in a single upload request.
Measure data that you've left blank will not be updated.

[Upload More](#) **View Submission**

Do you have an issue uploading your file?
If you are having any issues uploading your files:
Need help? Contact Us.
qpp@cms.hhs.gov
1-866-288-8292

If you're file wasn't **successfully uploaded**, contact the QPP Service Center by email at qpp@cms.hhs.gov or phone at 1-866-288-8292 (TRS: 711), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET.



Help and Version History

Where Can You Go for Help?

Contact the Quality Payment Program Service Center by email at QPP@cms.hhs.gov, by creating a [QPP Service Center ticket](#), or by phone at 1-866-288-8292 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET). To receive assistance more quickly, please consider calling during non-peak hours—before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. ET.

- People who are deaf or hard of hearing can dial 711 to be connected to a TRS Communications Assistant.

Visit the [Quality Payment Program website](#) for other [help and support information](#), to learn more about [MIPS](#), and to check out the resources available in the [Quality Payment Program Resource Library](#).



Version History

If we need to update this document, changes will be identified here.

DATE	DESCRIPTION
03/28/2025	Updated to account for the data submission deadline extension (now closing 8 p.m. ET on April 14, 2025). Added clarification that the deadline to make an opt-in election is still March 31.
12/23/2024	Original Posting.

