

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Measure 2022 Performance Period

<u>Objective:</u>	Protect Patient Health Information
<u>Measure:</u>	High Priority Practices Guide of the Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience (SAFER) Guides Conduct an annual assessment of the High Priority Practices Guide SAFER Guides beginning with the 2022 performance period.
<u>Measure ID:</u>	PI_PPHI_2

Definition of Terms

N/A

Reporting Requirements

YES/NO

To meet this measure, MIPS eligible clinicians must attest YES or NO to conducting an annual self-assessment of the High Priority Practices Guide of the SAFER Guides (<https://www.healthit.gov/topic/safety/safer-guides>) the 2022 performance period.

Scoring Information

- Required for Promoting Interoperability Performance Category Score: **Yes**
- Score: **N/A**
- Eligible for Bonus Score: **No**



Note: In order to earn a score greater than zero for the Promoting Interoperability performance category, MIPS eligible clinicians must:


- Complete the activities required by the Security Risk Analysis and High Priority Practices SAFER Guide¹, submit their complete numerator and denominator or Yes/No data for all required measures, and attest to the Actions to limit or restrict compatibility or interoperability of CEHRT statement.
- Failure to report at least a “1” in all required measures with a numerator or reporting a “No” for a Yes/No response measure (except for the SAFER Guides measure²) will result in a total score of 0 points for the Promoting Interoperability performance category.

Additional Information

- In 2022, MIPS eligible clinicians may use certified technology meeting the existing 2015 Edition certification criteria, updated to the 2015 Edition Cures Update, or a combination of the two, to meet the CEHRT definition. (85 FR 84472)
- To learn more about the 2015 Edition Cures Update and the changes to 2015 Edition certification criteria finalized in the 21st Century Cures Act final rule (85 FR 25642), we encourage MIPS eligible clinicians to visit <https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/final-rule-policy/2015-edition-cures-update>.
- To check whether a health IT product has been certified to criteria updated for the 2015 Edition Cures Update, visit the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) at <https://chpl.healthit.gov/>.
- 2015 Edition or 2015 Edition Cures Update functionality must be used as needed for a measure action to count in the numerator during a performance period. However, in some situations the product may be deployed during the performance period, but pending certification. In such cases, the product must be certified to the 2015 Edition or the 2015 Edition Cures Update by the last day of the performance period.
- To complete the High Priority Practices Guide self-assessment, MIPS eligible clinicians are expected to fill out the checklist and practice worksheet at the beginning of the guide.
- Failure to report to either “Yes” or “No” for the SAFER Guide will result in no score for the Promoting Interoperability performance category, regardless of whether other measures in this category are reported.
- The SAFER Guide measure is not scored and does not contribute any points to the MIPS eligible clinician’s total score.

¹ The SAFER, or Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience, Guides measure was added in the CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule but will not affect Promoting Interoperability performance category participants’ scores in 2022.

² In 2022, eligible clinicians will be required to submit one “yes/no” attestation statement for completing an annual self-assessment of the High Priority Practices SAFER Guide, but the “yes” or “no” attestation response will not affect the Promoting Interoperability performance category score.

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- The MIPS eligible clinician does not have to confirm that it has implemented “fully in all areas” each practice described in the SAFER guide, nor will the MIPS eligible clinician be scored on how many of the practices are fully implemented.
 - More information about Promoting Interoperability performance category scoring is available on the [QPP website](#).

Regulatory References

- For further discussion, please see the CY 2022 PFS final rule at [86 FR 65475 through 65477](#).