Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS): Episode-Based Cost Measure Field Test Reports Access Guide

This guide will tell you how to use the CMS Enterprise Portal to access and download an Episode-Based Cost Measure Field Test Report with data from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

I. What are the episode-based cost measures?

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) established the Quality Payment Program, a new way to pay clinicians.

Under the Quality Payment Program, clinicians are rewarded for giving high-quality and high value care through Advanced Alternate Payment Models (APMs) or the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). Under MIPS, there are 4 performance categories:

1. Quality
2. Improvement activities
3. Advancing care information
4. Cost

We have worked with a measure development contractor (Acumen, LLC) to develop the episode-based cost measures and asked for public feedback on them. Episode-based cost measures represent the cost to Medicare for the items and services furnished to patients during an episode of care (“episode”). Episode-based cost measures are developed to inform clinicians on the cost of care for an episode during which they manage the care for an acute medical condition or perform a procedure. In the Field Test Reports and accompanying documentation, the term “cost” means the amount Medicare pays on traditional, fee-for-service claims.¹

Episode-based cost measures are calculated with Medicare Parts A and B fee-for-service claims data and are based on episode groups. Episode groups:

- Represent a clinically cohesive set of medical services rendered to treat a given medical condition.
- Aggregate all items and services provided for a defined patient cohort to assess the total cost of care.

¹ Specifically, cost is defined by allowed amounts on Medicare claims data, which include both Medicare trust fund payments and beneficiary deductible and coinsurance.
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- Are defined around treatment for a condition (i.e., acute inpatient or chronic) or performance of a procedure.

These 8 measures are being developed with extensive input from 7 Clinical Subcommittees (CS), a Technical Expert Panel, and public comment:
- Elective Outpatient Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)
- Knee Arthroplasty
- Revascularization for Lower Extremity Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia
- Routine Cataract Removal with Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implantation
- Screening/Surveillance Colonoscopy
- Intracranial Hemorrhage or Cerebral Infarction
- Simple Pneumonia with Hospitalization
- ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) with PCI

We are now confidentially reporting the 8 cost measures to group practices and solo practitioners to get feedback on the measure specifications and report format before we think about using them in the cost performance category of the MIPS of the Quality Payment Program.

The Episode-Based Cost Measure Field Test Reports show clinicians’ payment-standardized, risk-adjusted cost information, which is based on particular episodes of care for their Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) beneficiaries. Stakeholders have until November 15, 2017 to give us their feedback on the episode-based cost measures or the format of the reports.

Learn more about the 2016 MACRA episode-based cost measures.

II. How do I get started?

Your or your group’s authorized representative can access the Cost Measure Field Test Report(s) at https://portal.cms.gov using an Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account with 1 of the following roles in the Physician Quality and Value Programs application:
- Groups are identified in the EIDM by their Medicare billing Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). A group consists of two or more eligible clinicians (as identified by their National Provider Identifier [NPI] that bill under the same TIN), and will receive a report if the TIN is attributed at least 10 or more episodes among all NPIS billing under the TIN. A group can have either of the following roles:
  - Security Official
  - Group Representative

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The group-level users (i.e., Security Official and Group Representative) have access to the group practice’s reports and the individual-level reports for the solo practitioners within the group practice.

- An individual eligible clinician (or a solo practitioner) is identified by a single NPI that bills under the TIN, and will receive a report if the NPI is attributed at least 10 or more episodes. A solo practitioner can have either of the following roles:
  - Individual Practitioner
  - Individual Practitioner Representative

**Here is how you can get an EIDM account:**
You can get ready to access your report by signing up for a new EIDM account using this guide, or by making sure your existing EIDM account has the ‘Physician Quality and Value Programs’ role using this guide.

**Note:** Field test reports are separate from QRUR reporting, although the same guides linked above may be used to set up an EIDM account.

**III. Where can I learn more?**

If you have questions about how to access the 2016 Cost Measure Field Test Reports or you want to give us feedback, email QPPCostMeasureTesting@ketchum.com.
IV. How do I access the Cost Measure Field Test Report?

**Steps**


The CMS Enterprise Portal supports the following internet browsers:

- Internet Explorer 11 (without compatibility mode)
- Firefox
- Chrome
- Safari

Enable JavaScript and adjust any zoom features to ensure the screen is not too wide.

The **CMS Enterprise Portal** will be redesigned in November (TBD). As a result of this redesign, screens incorporated within this Access Guide may change.
2. Read the **Terms and Conditions** on the **System Use Notification** screen and choose **I Accept** to continue.

If you choose **Decline**, you will end your session and go back to the **CMS Enterprise Portal Landing** screen.

3. Enter your EIDM **User ID** and choose **Next**.
4. Complete the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) process. You will have to do the MFA every time you log in to the CMS Enterprise Portal.
   a) Enter your EIDM Password information.
   b) Choose your MFA Device Type from the drop-down menu.

You completed the MFA process before when you were setting up your Physician Quality and Value Programs account.

Make sure you choose the same MFA Device Type you chose when you first set up your account. You will not be able to finish the MFA process if what you chose for the MFA Device Type is not what you chose when you first set up your account.

   c) Choose Send to get a Security Code.

You will only see the Send option if you choose 1 of these MFA Device Types:
   - Text Message-Short Message (SMS)
   - Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
   - Email

   d) Get the security code from MFA Device Type you chose.

   e) Enter the Security Code and choose Log In.
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<td>6. Choose year <strong>2016</strong> from the <strong>Select a Year</strong> drop-down menu. The <strong>Cost Measure Field Test Report</strong> is only available when you choose the year <strong>2016</strong> from the <strong>Select a Year</strong> drop down menu.</td>
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7. Choose **Cost Measure Field Test Report** from **Select a Report** drop-down menu.

   If you do not see the **Cost Measure Field Test Report** in the drop-down menu:
   - Be sure you chose **2016** from the **Select a Year** drop-down menu
     OR
   - Contact Ketchum Help Desk (**QPPCostMeasureTesting@ketchum.com**) to make sure you logged in with a correct EIDM account.

8. Read the **Attestation Message** and choose the appropriate attestation.
   a. Choose 1 of the options under “I plan to use this data in my capacity as a.”
   b. Then, choose **I Confirm** to continue.

   If you choose **Neither of the above or I do not know**, you will be able to see the **Exit to the Resources screen**.

### Screenshots

![Welcome to Physician Value Physician Quality Reporting Portal](image1.png)

![Attestation](image2.png)

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<th>9. Choose a <strong>TIN</strong> from the available TINs associated with your EIDM account from the <strong>TIN</strong> drop-down menu:</th>
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<td>a. For users with a Security Official or Group Representative role <strong>NPI</strong> entry is optional.</td>
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<td>b. For users with an Individual Practitioner or Individual Practitioner Representative Role, your NPI is pre-populated in the <strong>NPI</strong> field based on TIN selection.</td>
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| 10. Choose **Search** to see the search results. |
| You have to fill in the fields with an asterisk (*). |

If you choose the **All** option from the **TIN** drop-down menu, the **NPI** field will not work and you will not be able to enter the **NPI** number.

If you choose the **All** option from the **TIN** drop-down menu, you will be able to see all the TIN level and/or TIN-NPI level reports available in the **Search Results**.
11. Choose any of the available reports link from the **Search Results** to download the report in Excel format.

   - There are 2 versions of each Cost Measure Field Test Report: (i) a non-508-compliant version that shows some information in graphs, and (ii) a 508-compliant version that shows all the same information only in tables and has “-508” at the end of the filename.

The Reports will be downloaded in Excel format based on the browser’s settings.

If no reports are available for the **TIN/NPI** combination then in the **Search Results**, you will see the message “There are no Cost Measure Field Test Reports for this selection because the measure case minimum was not met”.

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12. The **2016 Cost Measure Field Test Report** is displayed in excel format.
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| **Troubleshooting**  
Here is what you can try if you are not using 1 of the supported browsers or are having trouble using the **CMS Enterprise Portal** with Microsoft Internet Explorer 11:  
1. Make sure the browser is open.  
2. Press the **Alt** key to show the Menu bar (or right-click the **Address bar** and then choose **Menu bar**).  
3. Choose **Tools** on the **Menu bar**.  
4. Choose **Compatibility View Settings**.  
5. Remove the CMS Enterprise Portal web address if it shows up in the **Websites you have added to Compatibility View** box.  
6. Un-check all of the boxes under **Websites you have added to Compatibility View**.  
7. Close the **Compatibility View Settings** box.  
8. Close the current browser session.  
9. Open a new browser session.  
10. Go to [https://portal.cms.gov](https://portal.cms.gov) and choose **Login to the CMS Enterprise Portal**.  

| ![Compatibility View Settings](https://example.com/screenshot.png)  
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