

## H.R. 2 - Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

	Current Law	H.R. 2
<b>Annual Medicare Update for Physician Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-21.2% SGR cut takes effect April 1, 2015.</li> <li>Future SGR cuts could exceed 25%.</li> </ul>	Annual Update of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0% January through June 2015</li> <li>0.5% July 2015 through 2019</li> <li>0% in 2020 through 2025</li> <li>2026 &amp; beyond: 1% for APM participants; 0.5% for all others.</li> </ul>
<b>Pay for Performance/ Quality Reporting Programs</b>	<b>PQRS + MU + VBM Maximum Total Penalties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2015:</b> 4.5%</li> <li><b>2016:</b> 6%</li> <li><b>2017:</b> 9%</li> <li><b>2018:</b> 10% or more</li> <li><b>2019:</b> 11% or more</li> <li><b>2020:</b> 11% or more</li> </ul> <b>PQRS:</b> Physician Quality Reporting System <b>MU:</b> EHR Incentive Program/Meaningful Use <b>VBM:</b> Value-Based Payment Modifier	<b>Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Maximum Penalties &amp; Bonuses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2015-2018:</b> PQRS, MU, VBM continue.</li> <li><b>2019:</b> 4% (Extra bonus possible)</li> <li><b>2020:</b> 5% (Extra bonus possible)</li> <li><b>2021:</b> 7% (Extra bonus possible)</li> <li><b>2022 &amp; after:</b> 9% (Extra bonus 2022-2024)</li> </ul> All physicians could earn a bonus if they meet MIPS quality standards. <b>Extra bonus 2019-2024:</b> Up to 10% for exceptional performance (up to \$500 million/year). MIPS has more accurate assessment, scoring, flexibility, predictability than under PQRS, MU, or VBM. MIPS abandons current VBM "tournament" model (requiring penalties to equal bonuses).
<b>EHR Meaningful Use (MU)</b>	No clear timeline or enforcement tools to achieve interoperability.	MU measures count 25% in MIPS. Interoperability is a goal by 2018; Secretary may adjust penalties and/or decertify EHRs if this is not achieved.
<b>Alternative Payment Models (APMs)</b>	No guaranteed payment update or bonus for physician participation in medical homes, ACOs, or other existing APMs. Limited support for physicians to develop new payment models.	5% Bonus payment for 2019-2024 for successful participation in eligible models. APMs must bear more than nominal risk, or be a qualifying medical home. Physicians can propose new APMs. \$20 million/year (2016-2020) in technical assistance for small practices to develop new models or participate in MIPS.
<b>Quality Measure Development Funding</b>	None.	\$15 million/year (2015-2019) for measure development; \$75 million total. Excess available through FY 2022.
<b>Physician Data Access</b>	Data provided by CMS through physician feedback program. No requirements on timeliness.	Requires CMS to provide timely (such as quarterly) feedback reports at individual physician level.
<b>Physician Claims Data</b>	Physician 2012 claims data released by CMS. Qualified Entities (QEs) authorized to do public reports using the data.	Establishes an annual release of physician data with no explicit safeguards. Expands QE authority to provide non-public reports and data with explicit protections. Provides data to qualified clinical data registries (QCDRs).
<b>Standard of Care Protection Act</b>	No protections.	Included. Quality program standards do not set standard of care in medical liability actions.
<b>Opting Out of Medicare</b>	Renew status every 2 years or face serious consequences.	Status continues indefinitely; no need to renew every 2 years.
<b>Chronic Care Management (CCM) Services</b>	Medicare started paying for CCM services in 2015, but could end those payments in the future.	Permanently requires Medicare to pay for care management of patients with chronic health problems, without requiring an annual wellness visit or initial preventive physical examination.
	<b>Current Policy</b>	<b>H.R. 2</b>
<b>Transition of 10- &amp; 90-Day Global Codes to 0-Day</b>	CMS finalized the policy to transition all 10- and 90-day global codes to 0-day.	Prohibits CMS from proceeding with this policy. Permits CMS to collect sample data on global codes with a possible withholding penalty.