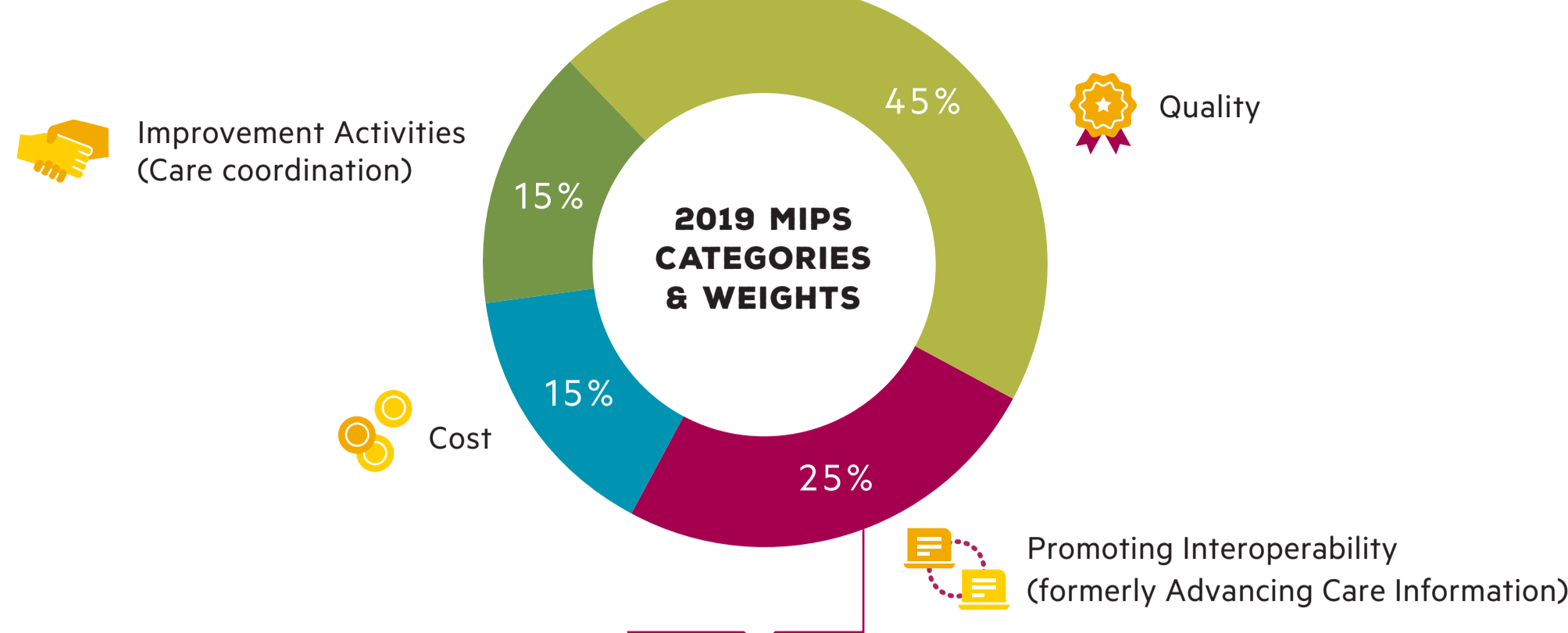


UNDERSTANDING MIPS: PART 2

PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY

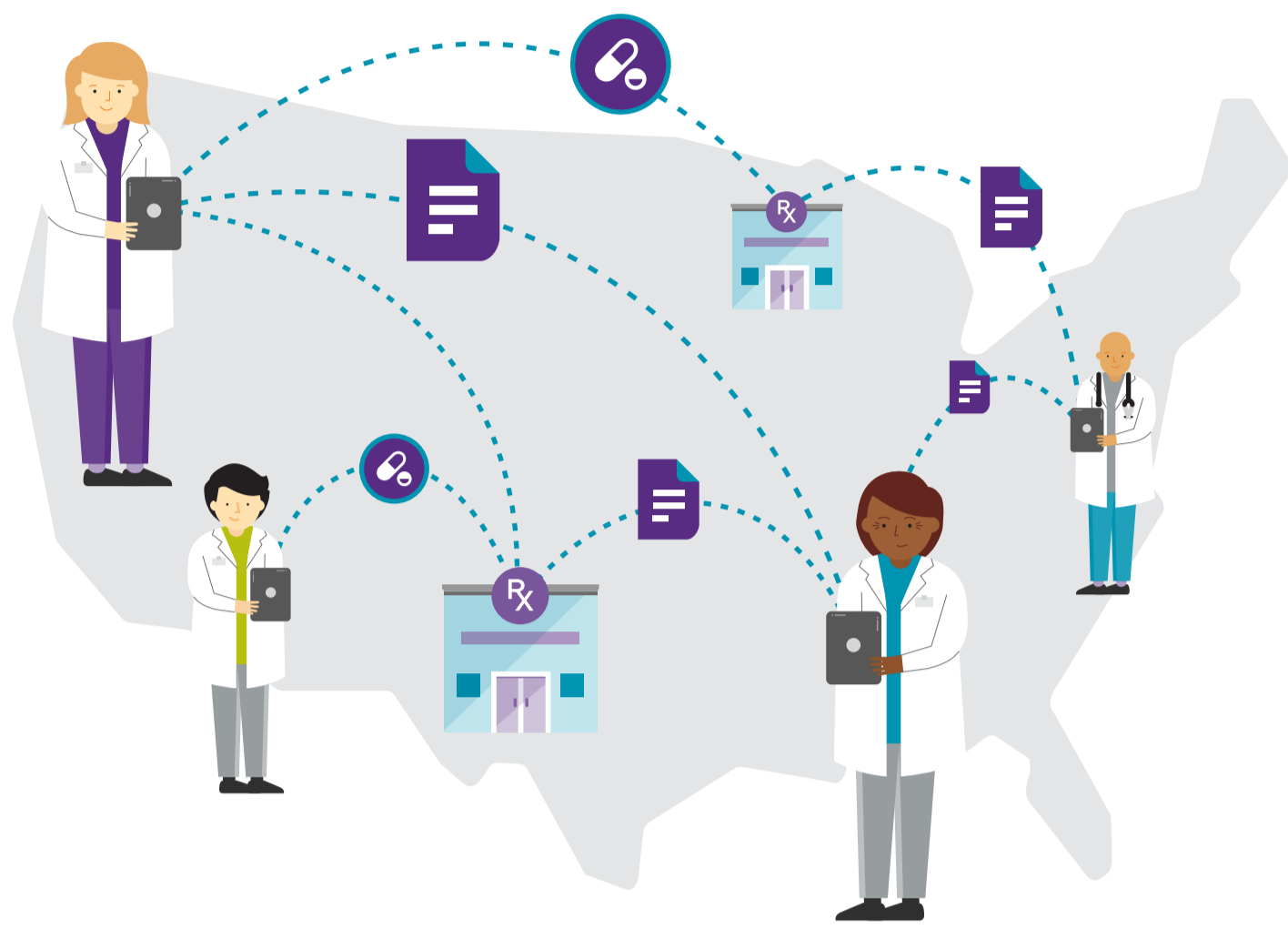
Promoting Interoperability (PI) is one of four components CMS will use to make payment adjustments under MIPS in 2019. Formerly known as Advancing Care Information, PI will continue to focus on EHR use.



WHAT IS THE PROMOTING INTEROPERABILITY CATEGORY?

Advancing Care Information (ACI) is now Promoting Interoperability (PI). Interoperability and improving patient access to health information are top priorities for CMS.

The new PI category does away with base points, and instead, clinicians will be scored on a single, smaller set of measures that includes a combination of yes/no attestations, performance points, and bonus points. PI is still 25% of your MIPS score.



IN THIS CATEGORY, YOU MUST

Securely exchange health information and use 2015 certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT).

NOTE: Since 2015 CEHRT is required for participation in PI, MIPS eligible clinicians and groups that have insufficient internet connectivity, experience extreme and uncontrollable circumstances (like hurricanes) or are unable to control the availability of CEHRT may apply for PI category exemption. If approved, the 25% PI weighting would be reallocated to the Quality category. In 2017, 6041 applications were received for a re-weighting of the category to 0%. Visit the CMS website to learn more.

PI MEASURE SELECTION AND SCORING OVERVIEW

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DETERMINE WHAT MEASURES YOU WILL REPORT ON

In 2019, clinicians must use 2015 CEHRT and must report on a new, single set of measures. Previously, the ACI category consisted of a base score, performance score, and bonus score, and clinicians could choose which measures to report on. There is now a single set of 11 measures grouped into four objectives, including two bonus measures, which all clinicians will use. Clinicians can choose two out of five Public Health and Clinical Data exchange measures. The PI category is capped at 100 points.

| OBJECTIVES/MEASURE | PERFORMANCE SCORE WEIGHT |
|---|--------------------------|
| E-PRESCRIBING** | UP TO 10 |
| BONUS: QUERY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM | 0 OR 5 |
| BONUS: VERIFY OPIOID TREATMENT AGREEMENT | 0 OR 5 |
| PROVIDE PATIENTS ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO THEIR HEALTH INFORMATION | UP TO 40 |
| HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE | |
| SUPPORT ELECTRONIC REFERRAL LOOPS BY SENDING HEALTH INFORMATION** | UP TO 20 |
| SUPPORT ELECTRONIC REFERRAL LOOPS BY RECEIVING AND INCORPORATING HEALTH INFORMATION** | UP TO 20 |
| PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLINICAL DATA EXCHANGE | 0 OR 10 |
| CHOOSE TWO DIFFERENT REGISTRIES FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: | |
| IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY REPORTING** | |
| ELECTRONIC CASE REPORTING** | |
| PUBLIC HEALTH REGISTRY REPORTING** | |
| CLINICAL DATA REGISTRY REPORTING** | |
| SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE REPORTING** | |

**Under certain circumstances where a clinician is unable to report on a specific measure, exclusions are available. However if claimed, CMS will re-allocate the points to another objective.

NOTE: Clinicians will be scored on their performance for each measure, except for the measures under the Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange objective, which require "yes or no" submissions only.

In addition to the measures above, eligible clinicians must attest to three additional requirements by submitting a "yes" to the following items:

- Prevention of Information Blocking Attestation
- ONC Direct Review Attestation
- Security Risk Analysis Measure

These items will not be scored, but are required in order to receive a PI score.

Individuals can report Promoting Interoperability measures for 90 consecutive days or a full year through their EHR vendor or by using the registry method. Groups of 25 or more can also choose to report through the CMS portal.

AN EXAMPLE OF PI IN THE REAL WORLD

DR. BARBARA WHITLEY... is a fictional family practice physician. She sees 863 patients per year, and 24% of them are Medicare Part B beneficiaries.

Dr. Whitley reviews the measures she is going to report in the new Promoting Interoperability category, and receives a score for each.

Dr. Whitley selects measures and receives the associated points.

| DR. WHITLEY'S RAW POINTS |
|--------------------------|
| 8 |
| 5 |
| 5 |
| 34 |
| |
| 16 |
| 14 |
| 10 |
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| ✓ |
| ✓ |
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| DR. WHITLEY'S SCORES | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| PERFORMANCE SCORE (OUT OF 100) | +82 |
| BONUS SCORE (OUT OF 10) | +10 |
| TOTAL SCORE (CAPPED AT 100) | 92 |

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CALCULATE THE PI POINTS THAT FACTOR INTO YOUR MIPS SCORE

First, take your total score and divide it by the PI category's 100 point maximum.

$$\frac{92}{100} = .92$$

Now, multiply this value by the PI category's percentage weight, which is 25%, in order to create a weighted value.

$$.92 \times .25 = .23$$

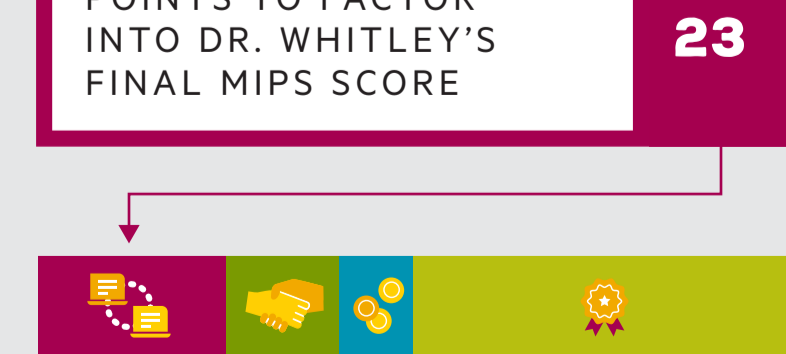
And finally, multiply this weighted value by 100 in order to convert it to a whole number.

$$.23 \times 100 = 23$$

POINTS TO FACTOR INTO YOUR FINAL MIPS SCORE

This is how Dr. Whitley's final PI points are calculated.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Dr. Whitley's total score | 92 |
| + | |
| MAXIMUM CATEGORY POINTS | 100 |
| <hr/> | |
| | .92 |
| x | |
| 25% CATEGORY WEIGHT | .25 |
| <hr/> | |
| | .23 |
| x | |
| | 100 |
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| POINTS TO FACTOR INTO DR. WHITLEY'S FINAL MIPS SCORE | 23 |



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