

2021 Performance Period Quality Benchmarks Fact Sheet

How Many Measures Received a 2021 Performance Period Benchmark?

A total of 387 quality measures (including 304 Qualified Clinical Data Registry [QCDR] measures) didn't have a historical benchmark for the 2021 performance period for one or more collection types.

- Of these, we were able to create a performance period benchmark for 98 measures (including 65 QCDR measures), for one or more collection types, making these measures eligible to earn up to 10 points.

The [2021 Performance Period Quality Benchmark Results \(XLSX\)](#) file identifies performance period benchmarks that could be calculated for measures without a historical benchmark. Please note that this file doesn't include measures for which we couldn't create a performance period benchmark.

When Are Performance Period Benchmarks Created?

We attempt to calculate benchmarks for every measure without a historical benchmark based on data submitted for the 2021 performance period. (We don't calculate performance period benchmarks for measures that have a historical benchmark.)

We established performance period benchmarks when at least 20 instances of a measure met the following criteria:

- Were reported through the same collection type,
AND
- Met data completeness and case minimum requirements,
AND
- Had a performance rate greater than 0% (or less than 100% for inverse measures).

Performance period benchmarks are established using data submitted by individual clinicians, groups, and virtual groups that were eligible for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in the 2021 performance year.

- This includes individual clinicians and groups that were opt-in eligible and elected to opt-in to MIPS participation.
- Voluntary submissions are excluded from benchmark data.





How Will 2021 Performance Period Benchmarks Relate to 2023 Historical Benchmarks?

Quality data submitted for the 2021 performance period will be used to calculate historical benchmarks for the 2023 performance period. The 2023 historical benchmarks (posted at the end of this calendar year [2022]) will reflect the 2021 performance period benchmarks that we calculated for the 98 measures, with some exceptions:

- Measures that were removed from the program after the 2021 performance period will be omitted from the 2023 benchmark file.
- There won't be historical benchmarks for measures with significant and substantive changes to their specifications in the 2022 or 2023 performance periods such that performance can't be compared to the 2021 baseline period.

Additional Resources

- [2021 Quality Benchmarks \(ZIP\)](#)

Version History

Date	Change Description
06/30/2022	Original version