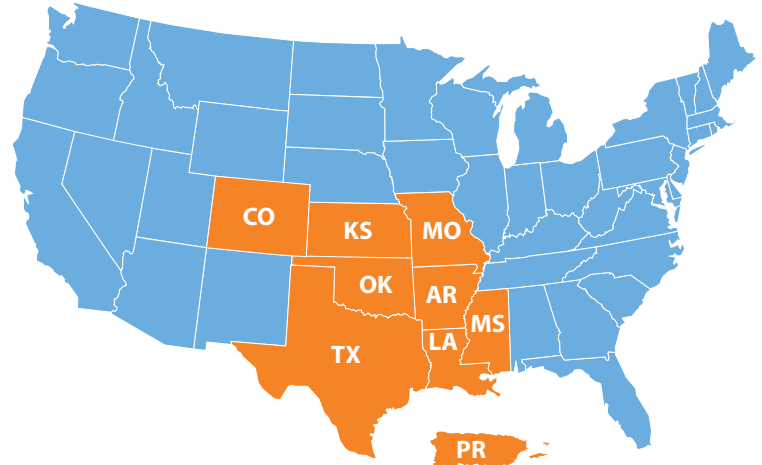


## Quality Payment Program – Small, Underserved and Rural Support

### WHAT IS TMF QPP-SURS?

TMF Health Quality Institute is one of 11 organizations across the country chosen by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to help clinicians in small practices (15 or fewer clinicians) and in medically underserved and rural areas participate in the Quality Payment Program (QPP). TMF QPP-SURS provides free technical assistance to these practices in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico and Texas.

TMF quality improvement specialists, located throughout TMF's QPP-SURS region, understand the specific needs and challenges of small and rural practices and are dedicated to helping clinicians meet QPP goals.



### WHAT IS QPP AND MIPS?

The QPP is a value-based payment model, for eligible clinicians who bill for Medicare services, that rewards efficient, patient-centered care and promotes continuous improvement. The QPP began in 2017, which served as a transition year from legacy payment programs (Physician Quality Reporting System, Value-Based Modifier and Meaningful Use). Since that time, CMS has increased the requirements while working to reduce the reporting burden for clinicians.

Eligible clinicians participate in one of two QPP paths: the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) or Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs). Payment adjustments for clinicians participating in MIPS are based on performance in four categories: Quality, Improvement Activities, Promoting Interoperability and Cost. Clinicians choose performance measures and activities best suited to their practice and specialty. The four MIPS categories work synergistically to improve health care quality while reducing costs. You can check your eligibility at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup>.

### CUSTOMIZED SUPPORT FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE SPECIALISTS

TMF specialists start where you are and guide you to success. Specialists help you recognize what you are already doing to meet MIPS measures and then help you develop strategies to move forward.



#### CONTACT TMF

TMF quality improvement specialists provide individual MIPS support as needed until **Feb. 15, 2022**:

Submit a TMF Request for Support at <https://tmf.org/QPP/Request-Help>.  
A specialist will respond to you within one business day.

Email [QPP-SURS@tmf.org](mailto:QPP-SURS@tmf.org).

Call **1-844-317-7609** or visit <https://tmf.org/qpp> and click Chat Live to chat with a TMF consultant, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT.

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# Navigating the Quality Payment Program

## SPECIALIST SUPPORT

*From strategy to details, we're here to help you*

- Choose measures
- Track data
- Evaluate reporting options
- Understand MIPS scoring
- Use the CMS QPP Portal
- Develop quality improvement processes
- Explore participation in an Advanced APM



## RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

In addition to individualized support, TMF provides online resources including fact sheets, articles and toolkits, as well as webinars, peer discussion groups and workshops with associated implementation guides to help clinicians understand MIPS and stay informed of QPP updates.



### GET ORGANIZED FOR MIPS WITH A FREE ONLINE APPLICATION

Clinicians in TMF's region have access to the TMF MIPS Toolbox, an online application for managing and tracking MIPS requirements.

Get started at [www.bizmedtoolbox.com/TMF](http://www.bizmedtoolbox.com/TMF).

## SHARING BEST PRACTICES: THE QPP LEARNING AND ACTION NETWORK

TMF promotes an exchange of expertise and resources through its QPP Network, an online information hub for learning and collaboration. Visit [www.tmfnetworks.org/QPP](http://www.tmfnetworks.org/QPP) to benefit from access to educational resources, webinars and online workshops, as well as other opportunities to connect with subject matter experts and peers.