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Practice requirements for reporting MIPS promoting interoperability, IV specks causing concern, Health plan news



Practice requirements for reporting on MIPS Promoting Interoperability

In the Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for Calendar Year 2025, CMS required practices participating in MSSP to report on MIPS Promoting Interoperability (PI) category. However, in December 2025, CMS announced that they would not enforce that requirement for Performance Year (PY) 2025.

CMS has not indicated whether they will extend this discretion for PY 2026. In order to avoid disciplinary action from CMS, it is important for your practice as an MSSP participant to plan on reporting MIPS PI, unless your group meets exclusion criteria. You can check the QPP website to see if you meet exclusion criteria, or you may contact the BILHPN MSSP team at bilh-medicareaco@bilhpn.org.

To check whether your group meets participation status: [relevant information](#).

QPP Participation Status. To sign in to the QPP website to report data: [QPP website](#)

IV Specks Cause Concern

ICU Medical sent out notice to its customers noting that some of its IV tubing contains black particles on the inner walls of drip chambers. The company is investigating whether the specks represent biological contamination or whether they could enter the fluid path.

In [the alert it sent out last week](#), the FDA says any facility with ICU Medical IV tubing should inspect all the tubes, segregate any suspected of containing specks, and inform the company and the FDA through a MedWatch report, which can be found here [MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program | FDA](#)



Health plan updates

Aetna has published their quarterly newsletter for June. Click [here](#) to read the latest updates.



Blue Cross Blue Shield has published their May newsletter. Click [here](#) to read the latest updates.

Commonwealth Care Alliance - medical record review reminder. Click [here](#) for important information regarding their medical records review.

Point32Health has published their newsletter for June. Click [here](#) to read the latest updates.

United Healthcare has published their June newsletter. Click [here](#) to read the latest updates.

WellSense has published their June newsletter. Click [here](#) to read the latest updates.

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