



PRACTICE ALERT

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Clinical Social Workers Excluded from MIPS Reporting in 2019

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released the final rule for the 2019 Physician Fee Schedule on November 1, 2018,

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/23/2018-24170/medicare-program-revisions-to-payment-policies-under-the-physician-fee-schedule-and-other-revisions>

The 2019 final rule for the CMS' Quality Payment Program excludes clinical social workers from the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting in 2019.

This is a victory for clinical social workers who have limited quality measures to report on and in the past have received penalties when reporting quality measures. NASW has been advocating for clinical social workers and improvements in the Quality Payment Program.

NASW is grateful to CMS and all of the stakeholders who helped with the exclusion.

