

Virtual Groups: A New Participation Option for MIPS in 2018

(Election deadline December 31, 2017)

A virtual group is a combination of TINs that elect to report collectively for MIPS in 2018. Virtual groups can be made up of solo practitioners and small groups of 10 or fewer clinicians. Solo practitioners and small groups must exceed the low volume threshold (\$90,000 in Part B allowed charges and 200 Part B beneficiaries) before joining a virtual group.

Things to know about virtual group participation

- If you choose to participate in a virtual group, all clinicians under your TIN must participate in the virtual group
- Virtual groups aggregate their data for each of the four performance categories and are scored at the virtual group level
- There is no limit on the number of TINs within the virtual group

Reasons to participate in a virtual group

- Forming a virtual group may help achieve the required volumes to be scored in each performance category
- Virtual groups could allow for the sharing of resources and a potentially higher final score

In order to participate as a virtual group for MIPS in 2018, you must **elect** to become a virtual group **prior to December 31, 2017**. To learn more about the election process and virtual group participation please refer to the [CMS Virtual Group Toolkit](#).

Please contact your Quality Improvement Advisor with any questions or for additional information.