

## MIPS 2017 Policy Updates

- **MIPS 2017:** 2 Exclusions and 3 additional attestation statements for the 2017 reporting year. You will be submitting this to CMS by March 30, 2018.
  - **New Advancing Care Information (ACI) Exclusions:**
    - **E-Prescribing** – If you write less than 100 permissible scripts during the performance period you can claim an exclusion in 2017.
    - **Health Information Exchange (HIE)** – If you transfer a patient or refer patients fewer than 100 times during the performance period you can claim an exclusion in 2017.
  - **New Prevention of Information Blocking Attestation:**
    - If you are a MIPS eligible clinician or group reporting data for the ACI performance category in 2017, CMS will require that you attest to the three statements under the prevention of information blocking attestation. These statements confirm that you have supported the “appropriate exchange of electronic health information” and that you have not limited “the compatibility or interoperability” of your certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT). Please review the [full description](#) of this requirement for more information.
- **MIPS 2018 Final Ruling:** Optometry specific details coming very soon
  - The final ruling discusses the creation of **virtual groups** as well as changes to the **minimum threshold** that may impact your eligibility in 2018 for the 2020 payment year.