

Improvement Activities Call for Activities Submission Form Crosswalk  
2018 Finalized vs. 2019 Finalized

**Burden Impact:** There are no impacts to burden as a result of any changes to this form from the previous version.

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1 (paragraph 1)	"Activities submitted by July 1, 2019 will be considered for inclusion..."	"Activities submitted by July 1, 2020 will be considered for inclusion..."	Alignment with current year
1 (paragraph 1)	"...will be considered for inclusion for the Quality Payment Program Year 5 (2021)."	"...will be considered for inclusion for the Quality Payment Program Year 6 (2022)."	Alignment with current year
1 (paragraph 1)	"Improvement activities submitted July 1, 2019 or after will be considered for..."	"Improvement activities submitted July 1, 2020 or after will be considered for..."	Alignment with current year
1 (paragraph 2)	"...refer submitters to the 2019 MIPS Improvement Activities list "	"...refer submitters to the 2020 MIPS Improvement Activities list "	Alignment with current year
1 (paragraph 2)	"...lists the complete inventory of current improvement activities for the Quality Payment Program Year 2 (2018)."	"...lists the complete inventory of current improvement activities for the Quality Payment Program Year 4 (2020)."	Alignment with current year and updated faster than last year when Year 2 was most recent available
1 (paragraph 3)	"The new list of criteria for CY 2019 and future years would be as follows"	"The current list of acceptance criteria is as follows"	We did not make updates to the criteria in the rule so stated this more simply as current guidance

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a public health emergency as determined by the Secretary; or*</li> <li>• CMS is able to validate the activity*</li> </ul> <p><i>*New submission criteria for submissions made in CY 2019</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a public health emergency as determined by the Secretary; or</li> <li>• CMS is able to validate the activity</li> </ul>	<p>No asterisk and note needed as these are no longer new criteria</p>