

Improvement Activities Call for Activities Submission Form Crosswalk
2020 Finalized vs. 2021 Finalized

Burden Impact: As a result of policies finalized in the CY 2021 PFS final rule to the requirements for submitting an improvement activity for consideration, the estimated reporting burden has increased from 2 hours to 3 hours per submission (+1 hour).

Change # 1:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Alignment with current year

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“Activities submitted by July 1, 2020 will be considered for inclusion...”

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

“Activities submitted by July 1, 2021 will be considered for inclusion...”

Change # 2:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Alignment with current year

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“...will be considered for inclusion for the Quality Payment Program Year 6 (2022).”

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

“...will be considered for inclusion for the Quality Payment Program Year 7 (2023).”

Change # 3:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Alignment with current year

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“Improvement activities submitted July 1, 2020 or after will be considered for...”

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

“Improvement activities submitted July 1, 2021 or after will be considered for...”

Change # 4:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Alignment with current year

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“...refer submitters to the [2020 MIPS Improvement Activities list](#) “

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

...”refer submitters to the [2021 MIPS Improvement Activities list](#) “

Change # 5:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Alignment with current year

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“...lists the complete inventory of current improvement activities for the Quality Payment Program Year 4 (2020).”

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

“...lists the complete inventory of current improvement activities for the Quality Payment Program Year 5 (2021).”

Change # 6:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

We added one criterion in the rule

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

“The current list of acceptance criteria is as follows”

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

“The new list of criteria for CY 2021 and future years is as follows”

Change # 7:

Location: Page 1

Reason for Change:

Added new criterion from final rule and noted with asterisk what was new.

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

- Include a public health emergency as determined by the Secretary; or
- CMS is able to validate the activity

CY 2021 Final Rule text:

- Include a public health emergency as determined by the Secretary;
- CMS is able to validate the activity; or
- Includes activities which can be linked to existing and related MIPS quality and cost measures, as applicable and feasible.*

**New submission criterion for submissions made in CY 2021*