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# The QPP Portal is Open: Submit Your 2017 Data

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) opened the reporting portal for the Quality Payment Program (QPP) on January 2. The deadline to submit your 2017 performance data is March 31, 2018. The portal provides one-stop shopping, allowing users to enter performance scores for all three categories of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

The new portal offers several benefits. In addition to being comprehensive, CMS reveals real-time scoring, as well as the ability to “pause” and return to the portal to update data at any time. There is no “save” button to press; the portal automatically retains all information. Users can submit data as often as they’d like. Finally, participants can manually upload a file generated from their electronic health record (EHR) system, a particularly appealing option for those practices that are concerned about the inability of their EHR vendor to accomplish the task of submitting the data on their behalf.

You must have an Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) account and credentials to sign-in and submit data; this is the same account that you have used for previous reporting programs such as the Physician Quality Reporting System. The portal allows submission for a practice as a group – or for each individual eligible clinician within a practice.

The link to the portal can be found [here](#).

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