

## Hardship Exemption Application for Promoting Interoperability is Now Open

Participant TINs in Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) for PY2020 will submit their Quality and Clinical Practice Improvement Activities for MIPS through the ACO. Participant TINs must report “Promoting Interoperability” (PI) independent of the ACO. Please note, the ONLY quality measure that is the provider’s responsibility is to report PI. Please report PI directly to CMS. If you or your practice are unable to report PI, please review CMS’s criteria for requesting a “Hardship Exemption.” For PY2020, the following are permitted reasons for a hardship exemption from reporting PI:

- MIPS-eligible clinicians in small practices
- MIPS-eligible clinicians using decertified EHR technology
- Insufficient Internet connectivity
- Extreme and uncontrollable circumstances (includes COVID-19)
- Lack of control over the availability of CEHRT

The ACO cannot request a hardship exemption on your behalf. Only the Participant TIN or NPI can request a hardship exemption from CMS. **The deadline to request an exemption for PY2020 is December 31, 2020.** If you believe that you or your practice are eligible for a hardship exemption, the link below provides information about this exemption and how to apply online or you may call QPP at 866-288-8292 to verbally submit an application.

<https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications>

**If your practice currently utilizes Scripps Community Connect, please contact your SCC Account Manager regarding next steps for reporting Promoting Interoperability (PI).**

If you have any questions, please contact your Practice Outreach Manager designated by your primary office location:

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