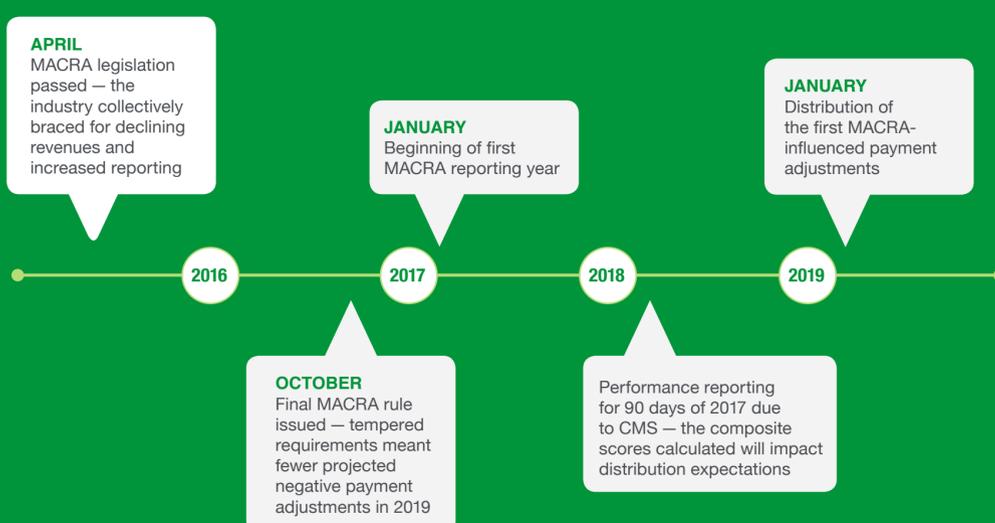




# 2019 Payment Adjustments

HOW WILL MACRA IMPACT YOUR PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT?



## 2016-2017: How the rules and projections changed

April 2016: Projected positive and negative distributions under the initial MACRA ruling

	Physicians projected to receive negative adjustments	Physicians projected to receive positive adjustments
Groups with 1-9 eligible physicians	87%	13%
Groups with 10-24 eligible physicians	59%	41%
Groups with 25-99 eligible physicians	45%	55%
Groups with 100+ eligible physicians	18%	82%

Under the initial MACRA ruling, almost **87%** of all small groups and solo practitioners **could expect a negative payment adjustment.**

October 2016: Projected positive and negative distributions under the final MACRA ruling

	Physicians projected to receive negative adjustments	Physicians projected to receive positive adjustments
Groups with 1-9 eligible physicians	20%	80%
Groups with 10-24 eligible physicians	16%	84%
Groups with 25-99 eligible physicians	7%	93%
Groups with 100+ eligible physicians	2%	98%

Under the final ruling, almost **80%** of all small groups and solo practitioners **can expect positive adjustments.**

## 2018: Performance reporting and composite scores

In early 2018, all clinicians must report performance data to CMS in three of four categories that count as a portion of the final composite score:

- Cost - 0%\***
- Quality - 60%**
- Advancing care information - 25%**
- Improvement activities - 15%**

\*Cost will begin to factor into the composite score in 2019 reports

A comparison of all composite scores above the pre-set performance threshold will determine the number of positive adjustments that will be issued.

### COMPOSITE SCORE CALCULATION



## 2019: A small distribution pool for positive adjustments

CMS estimates 50,000 clinicians will be subject to a negative payment adjustment in 2019 — leaving \$199M to be distributed among a large base of 570,000 clinicians that are eligible for neutral or positive payment adjustments.

### THE PROJECTED DISTRIBUTION POOL IN 2019

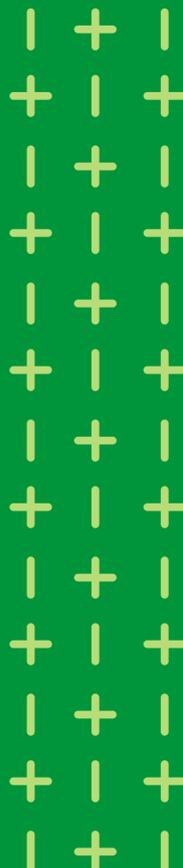


## Will your adjustment be positive or negative?

It depends on your reporting. CMS set a low reporting requirement threshold in the first year to ensure as much success as possible. If you submit any reporting for 2017, chances are you'll receive a positive adjustment — albeit a small one — in 2019.

### TIPS TO ENSURE YOU DON'T FALL INTO THE NEGATIVE ADJUSTMENT POOL:

- Identify and eliminate inefficient workflows
- Reduce unnecessary spending
- Improve care coordination and communication within your practice
- Enable seamless and secure communication with broader care teams, including specialists and hospitalists



Source: "Making Sense of MACRA" webinar. The Health Management Academy and PerfectServe. March 2017.