

## 2019 RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR ANESTHESIOLOGY

The table below contains suggestions from the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) for physician anesthesiologists to attest to for credit in the Improvement Activities category of Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in 2019. For a full list and specifications please visit the Quality Payment Program website, <https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/improvement-activities?py=2019>. Improvement Activities with an asterisk (\*) indicate a high weighted activity. Visit the [ASA MACRA Website](#) for more information on MIPS requirements.

Improvement Activities Suggested for Anesthesiology	
Activity ID	Activity Title
IA_AHE_6*	Provide education opportunities for new clinicians
IA_BE_1	Use of certified E H R to capture patient reported outcomes
IA_BE_6*	Collection and follow-up on patient experience and satisfaction data on beneficiary engagement
IA_BE_12	Use evidence-based decision aids to support shared decision-making
IA_BE_13	Regularly assess the patient experience of care through surveys, advisory councils and/or other mechanisms
IA_BE_14*	Engage patients and families to guide improvement in the system of care
IA_BE_15	Engagement of patients, family and caregivers in developing a plan of care
IA_BE_16	Evidenced-based techniques to promote self-management into usual care
IA_BE_20	Implementation of condition-specific chronic disease self-management support programs
IA_BE_21	Improved practices that disseminate appropriate self-management materials
IA_BE_22	Improved practices that engage patients pre-visit
IA_BMH_2	Tobacco Use
IA_BMH_3	Unhealthy alcohol use
IA_BMH_4	Depression screening
IA_CC_2	Implementation of improvements that contribute to more timely communication of test results
IA_CC_8	Implementation of documentation improvements for practice/process improvements
IA_CC_15	PSH Care Coordination
IA_CC_18	Relationship-Centered Communication
IA_EPA_1*	Provide 24/7 access to eligible clinicians or groups who have real-time access to patient's medical record
IA_EPA_2	Use of telehealth services that expand practice access
IA_EPA_3	Collection and use of patient experience and satisfaction data on access
IA_PM_11	Regular review practices in place on targeted patient population needs
IA_PM_15	Implementation of episodic care management practice improvements
IA_PM_16	Implementation of medication management practice improvements
IA_PM_17	Participation in population health research

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IA_PM_21	Advance care planning
IA_PSPA_1	Participation in an AHRQ-listed patient safety organization
IA_PSPA_2	Participation in MOC Part IV
IA_PSPA_3	Participate in IHI Training/Forum Event; National Academy of Medicine, AHRQ Team STEPPS® or other similar activity
IA_PSPA_4	Administration of the AHRQ Survey of Patient Safety Culture
IA_PSPA_5	Annual registration in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
IA_PSPA_6*	Consultation of the Prescription Drug Monitoring program
IA_PSPA_7	Use of QCDR data for ongoing practice assessment and improvements
IA_PSPA_8	Use of patient safety tools
IA_PSPA_9	Completion of the AMA STEPS Forward program
IA_PSPA_10	Completion of training and receipt of approved waiver for provision opioid medication-assisted treatments
IA_PSPA_11*	Participation in CAHPS or other supplemental questionnaire
IA_PSPA_12	Participation in private payer CPIA
IA_PSPA_14	Participation in Bridges to Excellence or Other Similar Programs
IA_PSPA_16	Use of decision support and standardized treatment protocols
IA_PSPA_18	Measurement and improvement at the practice and panel level
IA_PSPA_19	Implementation of formal quality improvement methods, practice changes or other practice improvement processes
IA_PSPA_20	Leadership engagement in regular guidance and demonstrated commitment for implementing practice improvement changes
IA_PSPA_21	Implementation of fall screening and assessment programs
IA_PSPA_22*	CDC Training on CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
IA_PSPA_23*	Completion of CDC Training on Antibiotic Stewardship
IA_PSPA_24	Initiate CDC Training on Antibiotic Stewardship
IA_PSPA_25	Cost Display for Laboratory and Radiographic Orders
IA_PSPA_27	Invasive Procedure or Surgery Anticoagulation Medication Management
IA_PSPA_28	Completion of an Accredited Safety or Quality Improvement Program
IA_PSPA_29*	Consulting AUC Using Clinical Decision Support when Ordering Advanced Diagnostic Imaging
IA_PSPA_30*	PCI Bleeding Campaign
IA_PSPA_31*	Patient Medication Risk Education
IA_PSPA_32*	Use of CDC Guideline for Clinical Decision Support to Prescribe Opioids for Chronic Pain via Clinical Decision Support

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