

Quality Payment PROGRAM



Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Value Pathways (MVP) Candidate 2026 Performance Year Vascular Surgery

MVP Candidate Feedback Process

The MVP Candidate Feedback Process is an opportunity for the general public to participate in the MVP development process and provide feedback on MVP candidates before they're potentially proposed in rulemaking. Learn more about the [MVP Candidate Feedback Process](#) on the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

The 2026 MVP Candidate Feedback Period ended on January 24, 2025.

This document contains feedback we received during the 45-day MVP Candidate Feedback Period for the Vascular Surgery MVP. If you would like to review the activities and measures in a particular MVP, you may review them on the Quality Payment Program website at <https://qpp.cms.gov/>

Note: This document is for 2026 MVP Candidate Feedback only and shouldn't be used as a reference for reporting MVPs in the 2025 performance year. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will indicate finalized MVPs exclusively through the Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule.

Review the MVP candidate details, and feedback received from the general public below.

Vascular Surgery MVP Feedback Received

Below is the feedback we received during the 45-day MVP Candidate Feedback Period for the Vascular Surgery MVP. We didn't include feedback considered out of scope to the draft 2026 MVP candidate.

Feedback: One commenter expressed support for the quality measures included in this MVP.

Feedback: One commenter was concerned that out of the 14 MIPS quality measures included in this MVP, 4 didn't have benchmarks which would result in 0 points, 2 could only earn 7 points, and 1 required an additional cost to implement. The commenter didn't believe this MVP was viable for practices to adopt.

Feedback: One commenter recommended the addition of Q495: Ambulatory Palliative Care Patients' Experience of Feeling Heard and Understood.

Feedback: One commenter expressed support for the following MIPS quality measures included in this MVP: Q001: Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater Than 9%; Q130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record; Q226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention; Q374: Closing the Referral Loop: Receipt of Specialist Report; and Q438: Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease.

Feedback: One commenter expressed concern that this MVP includes limited electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) options.