(rather than +1x) if a solo practitioner or the group has two to nine eligible professionals, or +2x (rather than +1x) if a solo practitioner or group consisting of nonphysician eligible professionals.

[77 FR 69368, Nov. 16, 2012, as amended at 78
FR 74822, Dec. 10, 2013; 79 FR 68008, Nov. 13, 2014; 80 FR 71385, Nov. 16, 2015]

§414.1280 Limitation on review.

(a) There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869 of the Act, section 1878 of the Act, or otherwise of all of the following:

(1) The establishment of the valuebased payment modifier.

(2) The evaluation of the quality of care composite, including the establishment of appropriate measure of the quality of care.

(3) The evaluation of costs composite, including establishment of appropriate measures of costs.

(4) The dates of implementation of the value-based payment modifier.

(5) The specification of the initial performance period and any other performance period.

(6) The application of the value-based payment modifier.

(7) The determination of costs.

(b) [Reserved]

§414.1285 Informal inquiry process.

After the dissemination of the annual Physician Feedback reports, a group and a solo practitioner may contact CMS to inquire about its report and the calculation of the value-based payment modifier.

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Subpart O—Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and Alternative Payment Model Incentive

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§414.1300 Basis and scope.

(a) *Basis.* This subpart implements the following provisions of the Act:

(1) Section 1833(z)—Incentive Payments for Participation in Eligible Alternative Payment Models. 42 CFR Ch. IV (10–1–17 Edition)

(2) Section 1848(a)—Payment for Physicians' Services Based on Fee Schedule.

(3) Section 1848(k)—Quality Reporting System.

(4) Section 1848(q)—Merit-based Incentive Payment System.

(b) *Scope*. This subpart part sets forth the following:

(1) The circumstances under which eligible clinicians are not considered MIPS eligible clinicians with respect to a year.

(2) How individual MIPS eligible clinicians can have their performance assessed as a group.

(3) The data submission methods and data submission criteria for each of the MIPS performance categories.

(4) Methods for calculating a performance category score for each of the MIPS performance categories.

(5) Methods for calculating a MIPS final score and applying the MIPS payment adjustment to MIPS eligible clinicians.

(6) Requirements for an APM to be designated an "Advanced APM."

(7) Methods for eligible clinicians and entities participating in Advanced APMs to meet the participation thresholds to become Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) and Partial QPs.

(8) Methods and processes for counting participation in Other Payer Advanced APMs in making QP and Partial QP determinations.

(9) Methods for calculating and paying the APM Incentive Payment to QPs.

(10) Criteria for Physician-Focused Payment Models (PFPMs).

§414.1305 Definitions.

As used in this section, unless otherwise indicated—

Additional performance threshold means the numerical threshold for a MIPS payment year against which the final scores of MIPS eligible clinicians are compared to determine the additional MIPS payment adjustment factors for exceptional performance.

Advanced Alternative Payment Model (Advanced APM) means an APM that CMS determines meets the criteria set forth in §414.1415.