Performance Category	Available Data Submission Mechanisms
Quality	• Claims (limited to clinicians in small practices with ≤ 15 clinicians) • Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) • Qualified Registry (QR) • Certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) • CMS Web Interface (available only to groups with ≥25 eligible clinicians)* • CMS-approved survey for CAHPS for MIPS (must be reported in conjunction with one other data submission mechanism)*
Cost	• Administrative claims (no submission required)
Promoting Interoperability	• CMS Web-based attestation tool • QCDR (if offered by vendor) • QR (if offered by vendor) • EHR • CMS Web Interface (group ≥25 eligible clinicians)*
Improvement Activities	• CMS Web-based attestation tool • QCDR (if offered by vendor) • QR (if offered by vendor) • EHR • CMS Web Interface (groups ≥25 eligible clinicians)*

Few, if any, cardiothoracic surgeons will rely on the CMS Web Interface of CAHPS for MIPS survey since these data submission mechanisms are geared more toward primary care.