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At this point in the year, physicians should verify that they are on the right path for their goals for the Medicare Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). If not, they should take advantage of the "one patient, one measure" reporting option to avoid a 4 percent payment penalty in 2019.

In deciding which pick-your-pace participation track to choose, physicians should consider whether their focus will be earning a bonus or avoiding a penalty. They also need to determine which measures are the most feasible to report, and evaluate their capacity for submitting 90 or more days of data. For physicians who have not collected quality or Advancing Care Information measures or completed improvement activities, or are confused by the MIPS process, the minimum reporting option may be the best course of action to take. The AMA "One Patient, One Measure, No Penalty" tutorial offers a step-by-step guide to complete the minimum-reporting process and help physicians avoid a 4 percent Medicare payment penalty for 2019.

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