

## Qualifying Participant (QP) Thresholds

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NW Momentum Health Partners (NWMHP) evaluates its ACO network every year, making required adjustments to Participant and Preferred provider categories. The evaluation addresses previous year performance, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and expected model changes.

The goal in conducting the evaluation is to ensure NWMHP and its network are in the best position to meet the Qualifying Participant (QP) Thresholds.

### Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

APMs are a track of the Quality Payment Program (QPP), offering the 5% incentive (APM bonus) payment to eligible Participant Providers for achieving the QP threshold levels of payments or patients through their associated Advanced APMs. The APM bonus payment is determined and paid out by CMS and is separate and unique from any shared savings under the Next Generation ACO Model.

### QP Thresholds

The thresholds must be met as a whole APM entity (NWMHP) in order to qualify our eligible Participant Providers as QPs or Partial QPs. The threshold amounts increase year-over-year. However, we are pleased to announce that as a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, QP Thresholds have been frozen for the 2021 and 2022 performance year (see graphic below).

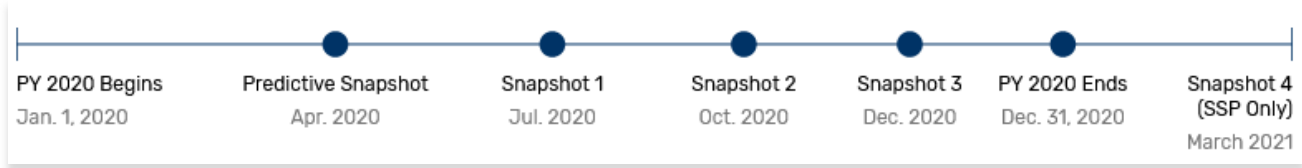
*Graphic – QP Thresholds Year-over-Year*

Performance Year	2020	2021	2022
Payment Year	2022	2023	2024
QP Payment Amount Threshold	50%	50%	50%
QP Patient Count Threshold	35%	35%	35%

*\*Source: NAACOS Quality Payment Program Overview*

### Snapshots

APM Entities have multiple opportunities (snapshots) during each performance year to meet thresholds. Participant Providers must be on the CMS approved NWMHP Participating Provider List during at least one qualifying snapshot in the performance year in order to be considered for QP status.



## **APM Bonus Payment Calculation and Timing**

The APM bonus payment amount is paid to each TIN based on the current providers associated and is equal to 5% of the estimated aggregate payments for covered Part B services during the calendar year immediately preceding the payment year.

Eligible Participating Providers must remain active in the ACO during one of the three snapshots in which NWMHP qualifies as a QP in order to remain eligible for the 5% APM Bonus payment.

APM bonus payments are issued two years after the performance period in which QP status was obtained.

APM entities meeting Partial QP will not receive the APM bonus payment.

