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# 2020 APM Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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This FAQ document provides only a very broad overview of the APM. You should consult the Guidebook to get a deeper understanding of how the APM works.

**Q:** When is the deadline to submit measures?

**A:** Each year by December 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure you have as much time as possible to work on your measures.

**Q:** How do I submit measures?

**A:** There is a google form available. You can find a link near the top of the APM website. As long as it is open for submissions, you may fill it out.

**Q:** Can I resubmit if I messed up?

**A:** Yes, we will use your latest entry as your official list of chosen measures. You may submit as many times as you need until submissions are turned off.

**Q:** When is my rate changing?

**A:** We anticipate adjusting rates each July and the rate adjustment will last until the next July.

**Q:** Why are you putting this burden on me?

**A:** The APM preserves the 1202 FFS bump included in the ACA. CMS has required a value-based payment program for continued federal funding of that bump. The APM is that value-based payment program.



**Q:** How does the rate change work?

**A:** Base on your score out of 200 points, you will receive a rate adjustment on your FFS rates from Health First Colorado. 200 points allows you to keep the maximum enhanced rate.

**Q:** How are points earned?

**A:** Points are earned by “closing the gap” between your baseline and a goal set by the Department by 10% of that gap. For example, if the goal is 80%, your baseline is 70%, and you improve your score to at least 71%, then you will receive full points for that measure. If you are already performing at or above the goal, you will receive full points for that measure.

**Q:** What if I earn less than 200 points?

**A:** If you earn less than 200 points then your rate will be adjusted downward according to the rate adjustment table and formula outlined in the Guidebook. You should select measures that could earn you far above the 200 points to ensure you meet the total points and keep all of your enhanced rate.

**Q:** Is it possible to earn more than the enhanced rate?

**A:** The APM is budget neutral. Should anyone receive a downward adjustment the money not given to them will be redistributed to other practices. The Department is working on deciding how that redistribution will occur.

**Q:** What happens if I don't select measures in time?

**A:** A default set of 10 measures will be assigned to you and you will be notified what those measures are. This assigned set may not be the best fit for your practice, so it is highly encouraged you select your own measures.

**Q:** What happens if I don't do anything at all?

**A:** Your FFS rates will be reduced by 4%.

