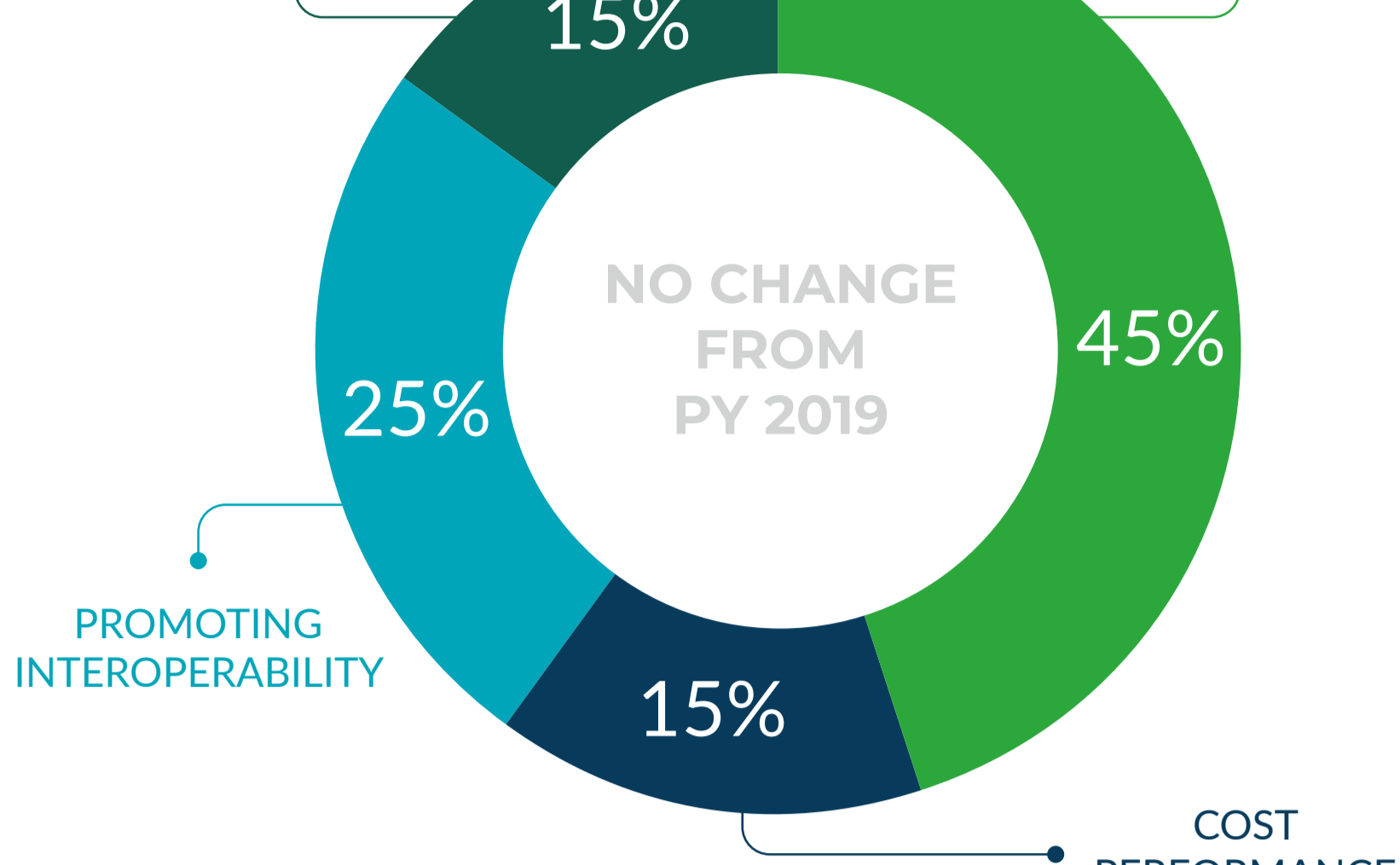




MIPS 2020 finalized policies

Every year the Quality Payment Program evolves. For the 2020 performance year, CMS has both increased the performance threshold for penalty avoidance and exceptional performance, as well as the data completeness requirement.

MIPS Categories

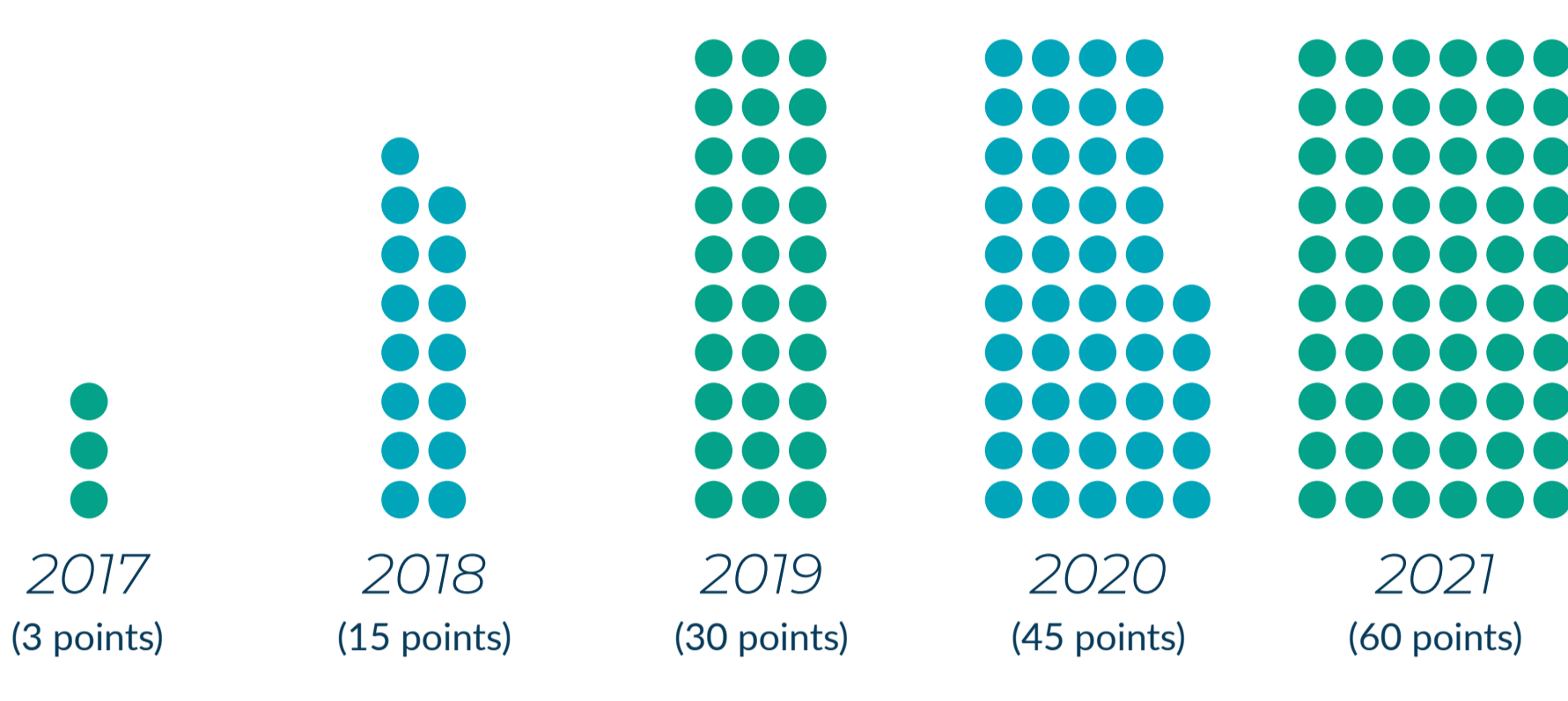


There are no changes on the weighting of the performance categories. While this will enable eligible clinicians to have a consistent experience from 2019 to 2020, it also means we can anticipate a significant jump in the weight of the Cost category from 2020 to 2021.

Minimum Number of MIPS Points for a Neutral Payment Adjustment

(to avoid a penalty)

With a continued increase in the minimum number of points to avoid a MIPS penalty, eligible clinicians will need to be diligent in setting a plan to earn at least 45 MIPS points in 2020.



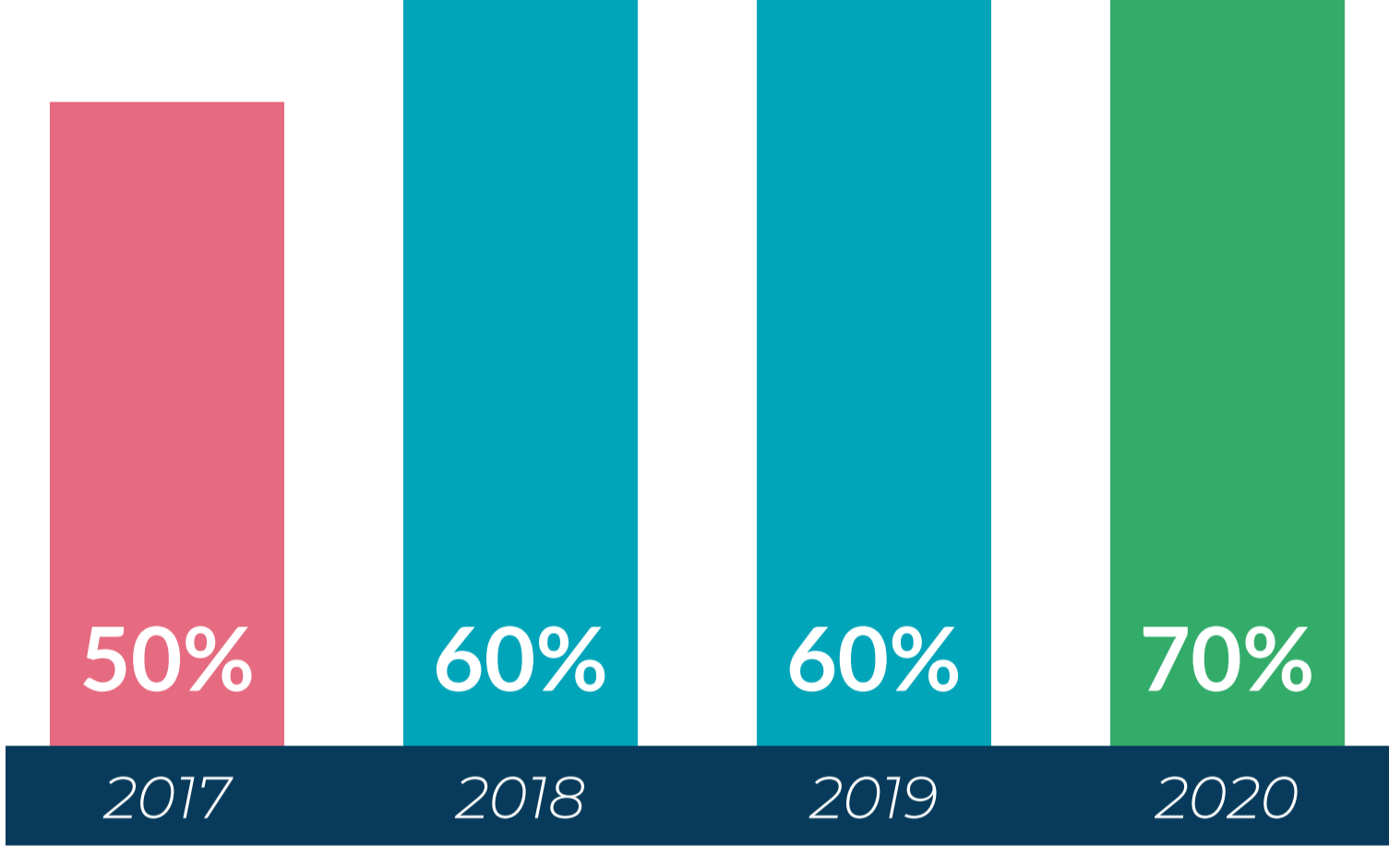
Additional performance threshold for exceptional performance

(to gain a piece of the additional \$500M that CMS is paying in incentives)



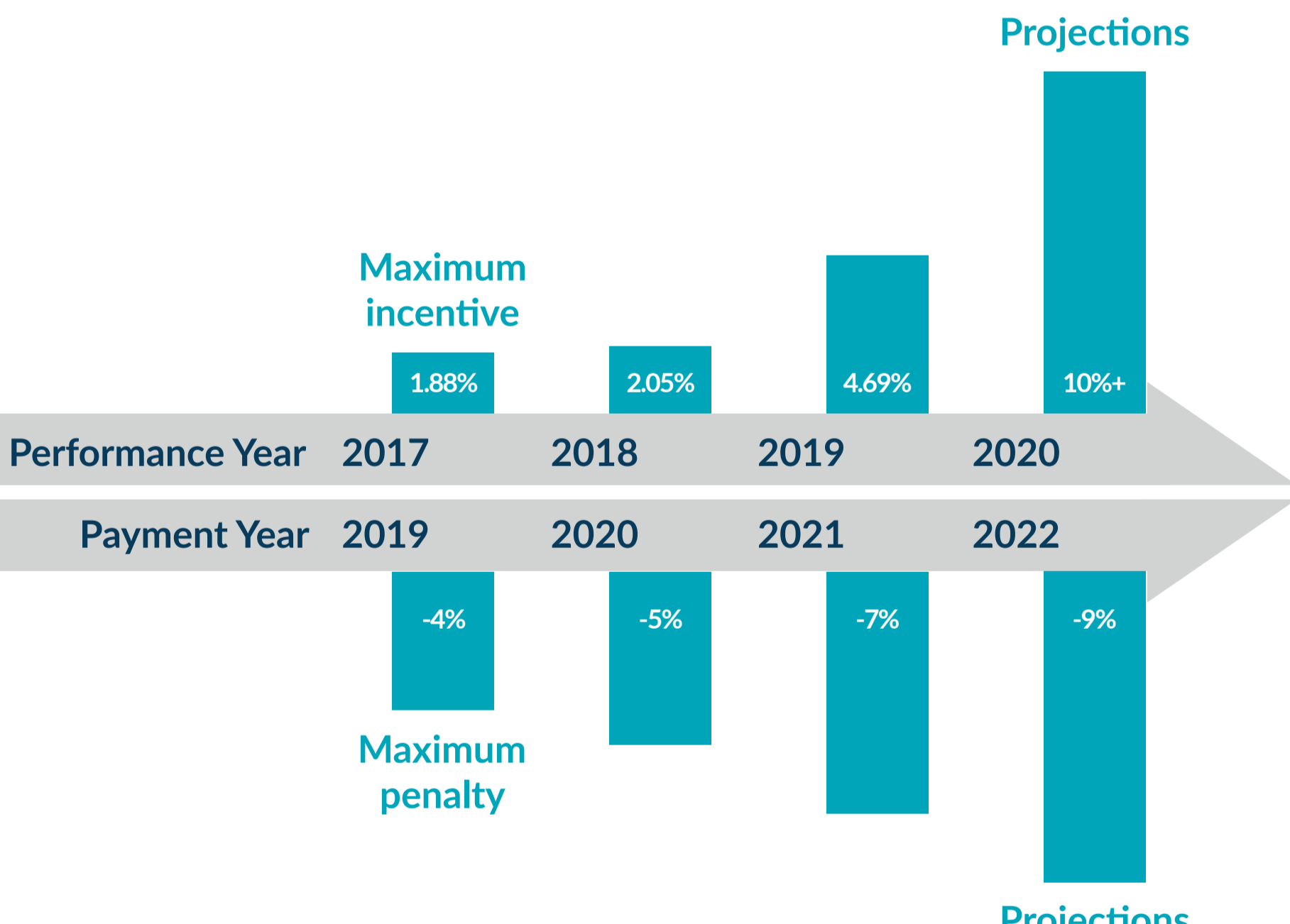
Data completeness threshold for ALL Patient Quality data

(not just Medicare patients)



It is increasingly important to have your MIPS reporting plan in place at the beginning of the year, to ensure all the necessary information is documented throughout the year.

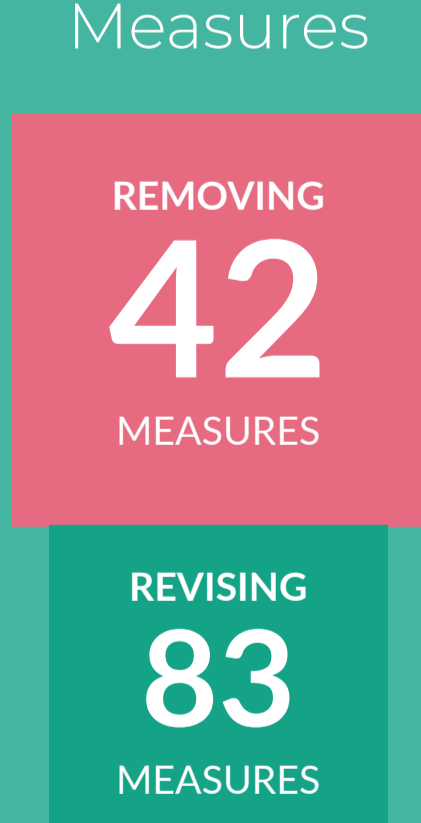
Incentives and Penalties



While incentive payouts have historically not lived up to expectations set by CMS, we will continue to see high performers earning more in incentive payments each year.

Category Updates

Quality Measures



Improvement Activities



Cost Category



Promoting Interoperability

- Including the Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) measure as an optional measure (available for bonus points)**
- Removing the Verify Opioid Treatment Agreement measure**
- Beginning with PY 2019, requiring a "yes/no" response instead of a numerator and denominator for the optional Query of PDMP measure**
- Reducing the threshold for a group to be considered hospital-based. (Instead of 100% of clinicians, more than 75% of the clinicians in a group must be a hospital-based, individual MIPS - eligible clinician, in order for the group to be excluded from reporting the measures under the Promoting Interoperability performance category, and to have this category reweighted to zero.)**

Are you ready to attack the changes to MIPS 2020 reporting?

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