

Quality Performance Category

You must report on 12 months of activity in the Quality Performance Category for 2018! For the 2018 reporting year, the category weight for the Quality Performance Category has decreased to **50% of your total score**, down from 60% in 2017. Conversely, the **data completeness** requirement (how many patients you need to report on) has increased to **60%**, up from 50% in 2017. The available points for measures that do not meet data completeness requirements has also decreased to **1 point**.

Measures where little to no performance gap exists will also now be designated as topped out. Over the course of four years, these measures will decrease in value until they are removed from use entirely. There are six topped-out measures in 2018, two of which can be reported through AQUIRE: **AUGS 23** (Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic) and **AUGS 25** (Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis). The maximum number of points earned by reporting these measures is now **7 points**, down from 10 points in 2017.

Up to 10 percentage points are available in the Quality Performance Category for improvement as compared to 2017.