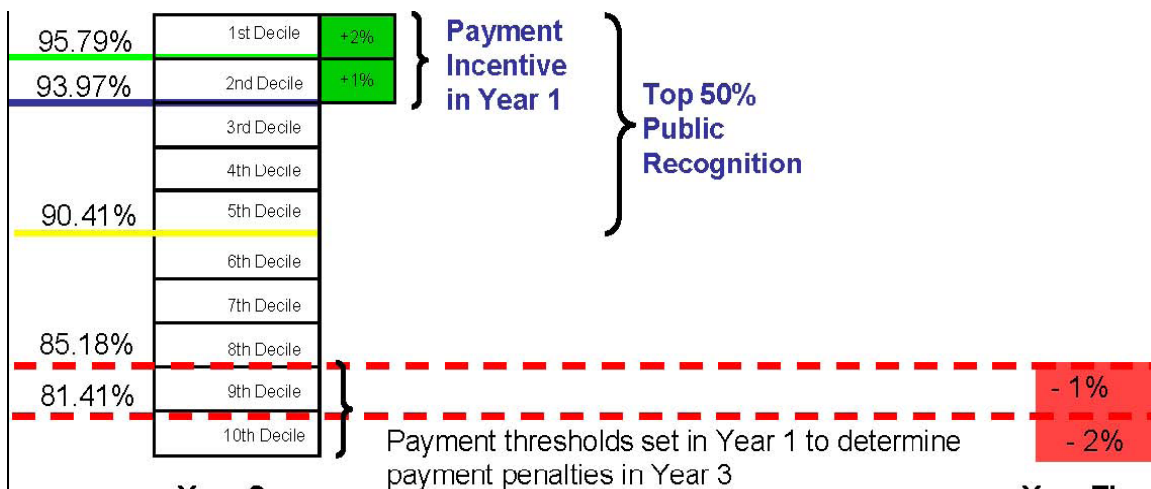


Decile Thresholds:

Example Year 1 AMI Payment Scenario

A decile threshold is the Composite Quality Score (CQS) that defines the lower limit of the particular decile. Note that there is no “upper limit” for decile 1, nor “lower limit” for decile 10. Each decile by definition contains 10% of the hospitals, so approximately the same number of hospitals are in each decile. This example shows the thresholds for Year 1 in the AMI clinical focus area. Note that in the first three years of the project (Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3) hospitals in the 1st decile were awarded a 2% incentive bonus on their Medicare payments for patients in that clinical area. Hospitals in the 2nd decile were awarded a 1% bonus. The thresholds for the 9th and 10th deciles are now established at these values, based on Year 1 data. Any hospital whose CQS in Year 3 falls below the 9 decile threshold (would fall into the 10 decile as defined by Year 1) will receive a 2% penalty on their Medicare payments for patients in this clinical area. Hospitals whose CQS in Year 3 falls between the 8 and 9th decile threshold established in Year 1 will receive a 1% penalty.

Figure 1. Decile Threshold Example, AMI Year 1



Year 1 = October 2003 – September 2004

Year 3 = October 2005 – September 2006

Decile Thresholds (lower CQS for decile)

Following are the lower thresholds for each decile as defined by final Year 1 - 3 data.

Providers must have a score above the threshold to be in that decile.

Example: AMI for Year 3

1st decile providers CQS is above 99.2914%

2nd decile provides CQS is above 98.4064%

AMI		HF		PN		CABG		Hip / Knee	
1st		1st		1st		1st		1st	
2nd	95.7993%	2nd	86.1458%	2nd	83.5178%	2nd	96.2956%	2nd	94.7840%
3rd	93.9746%	3rd	81.8452%	3rd	80.3158%	3rd	94.4749%	3rd	93.6343%
4th	93.0312%	4th	78.5714%	4th	77.8213%	4th	91.9715%	4th	92.1137%
5th	91.7770%	5th	75.3580%	5th	75.9481%	5th	89.0560%	5th	90.1044%
6th	90.4151%	6th	69.5991%	6th	74.6145%	6th	87.9009%	6th	88.2607%
7th	89.2355%	7th	65.6250%	7th	72.1841%	7th	85.5120%	7th	86.1856%
8th	87.6061%	8th	62.1512%	8th	70.1599%	8th	83.8319%	8th	83.6126%
9th	85.1781%	9th	57.8947%	9th	65.8009%	9th	81.4316%	9th	81.7377%
10th	81.4153%	10th	52.8193%	10th	63.1517%	10th	77.0183%	10th	78.6855%

Decile Thresholds Year 2

AMI		HF		PN		CABG		Hip / Knee	
1st		1st		1st		1st		1st	
2nd	97.6564%	2nd	93.8063%	2nd	90.5395%	2nd	98.7850%	2nd	98.2031%
3rd	96.7152%	3rd	90.3581%	3rd	88.6792%	3rd	98.0934%	3rd	97.1267%
4th	96.0115%	4th	87.7551%	4th	86.4831%	4th	97.6542%	4th	96.2283%
5th	94.8882%	5th	85.3968%	5th	85.4028%	5th	96.3105%	5th	95.3262%
6th	93.8202%	6th	81.9178%	6th	83.5366%	6th	94.7883%	6th	93.9114%
7th	92.6893%	7th	78.7097%	7th	82.3773%	7th	93.1537%	7th	92.2317%
8th	91.7722%	8th	74.1117%	8th	80.8219%	8th	91.1406%	8th	90.5970%
9th	89.4631%	9th	70.1677%	9th	78.5714%	9th	86.7501%	9th	87.1353%
10th	85.6730%	10th	62.7326%	10th	75.8868%	10th	82.4677%	10th	82.3636%

Decile Thresholds Year 3

AMI		HF		PN		CABG		Hip / Knee	
1st		1st		1st		1st		1st	
2nd	99.2914%	2nd	97.4619%	2nd	95.0000%	2nd	99.5246%	2nd	99.4478%
3rd	98.4064%	3rd	94.0937%	3rd	93.4161%	3rd	99.1338%	3rd	98.8390%
4th	97.6581%	4th	92.4342%	4th	92.2667%	4th	98.8148%	4th	98.3352%
5th	96.7819%	5th	90.3353%	5th	90.6217%	5th	98.2123%	5th	97.6898%
6th	96.1941%	6th	88.6928%	6th	89.2544%	6th	97.6570%	6th	96.8335%
7th	95.3829%	7th	85.8639%	7th	88.3420%	7th	96.7065%	7th	95.9449%
8th	94.2839%	8th	83.8305%	8th	87.1636%	8th	95.7070%	8th	94.6528%
9th	92.6033%	9th	80.2721%	9th	85.0141%	9th	93.9576%	9th	91.6362%
10th	90.4656%	10th	74.0000%	10th	82.3456%	10th	91.2512%	10th	86.4833%