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CMS allows more docs to sit out MACRA

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The CMS has finalized a proposed rule to exempt more small providers from complying with MACRA. It also reversed course on plans to give providers a pass on gauging whether they are cutting costs under the Merit-based Incentive Payment System, or MIPS. Physician practices with less than \$90,000 in Medicare revenue or fewer than 200 unique Medicare patients per year would be exempted under the rule finalized Tuesday. The move will exclude about 134,000 more providers. The original threshold for exemption is \$30,000 in Medicare revenue or fewer than 100 Medicare patients. Providers must follow the new rule in 2018 and will see payments affected in 2020. Officials with the CMS said they were responding to many practices' concerns that they didn't have enough Medicare patients to justify