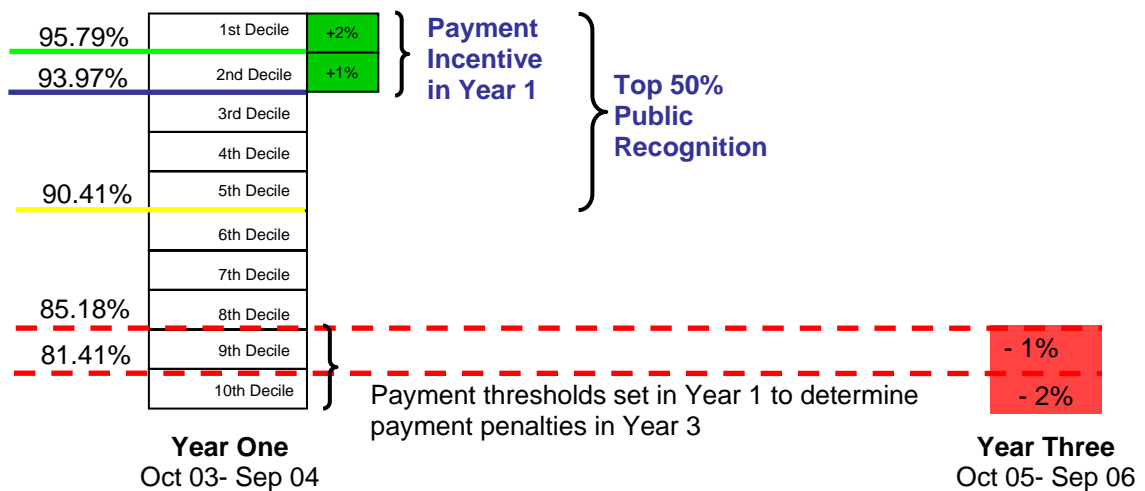


Decile Thresholds: Example Year 1 AMI Payment Scenario

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 there 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 Year 1, 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 9th decile threshold (would fall into the 10th 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 8th and 9th decile threshold established in Year 1 will receive a 1% penalty.

Figure 1. Decile Threshold Example, AMI



Decile Thresholds (lower CQS for decile)

Following are the lower thresholds for each decile as defined by final Year 1 data.
 Providers must have a score above the threshold to be in that decile.

Example: AMI

1st decile providers CQS is above 95.7993%

2nd decile provides CQS is above 93.9746%

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