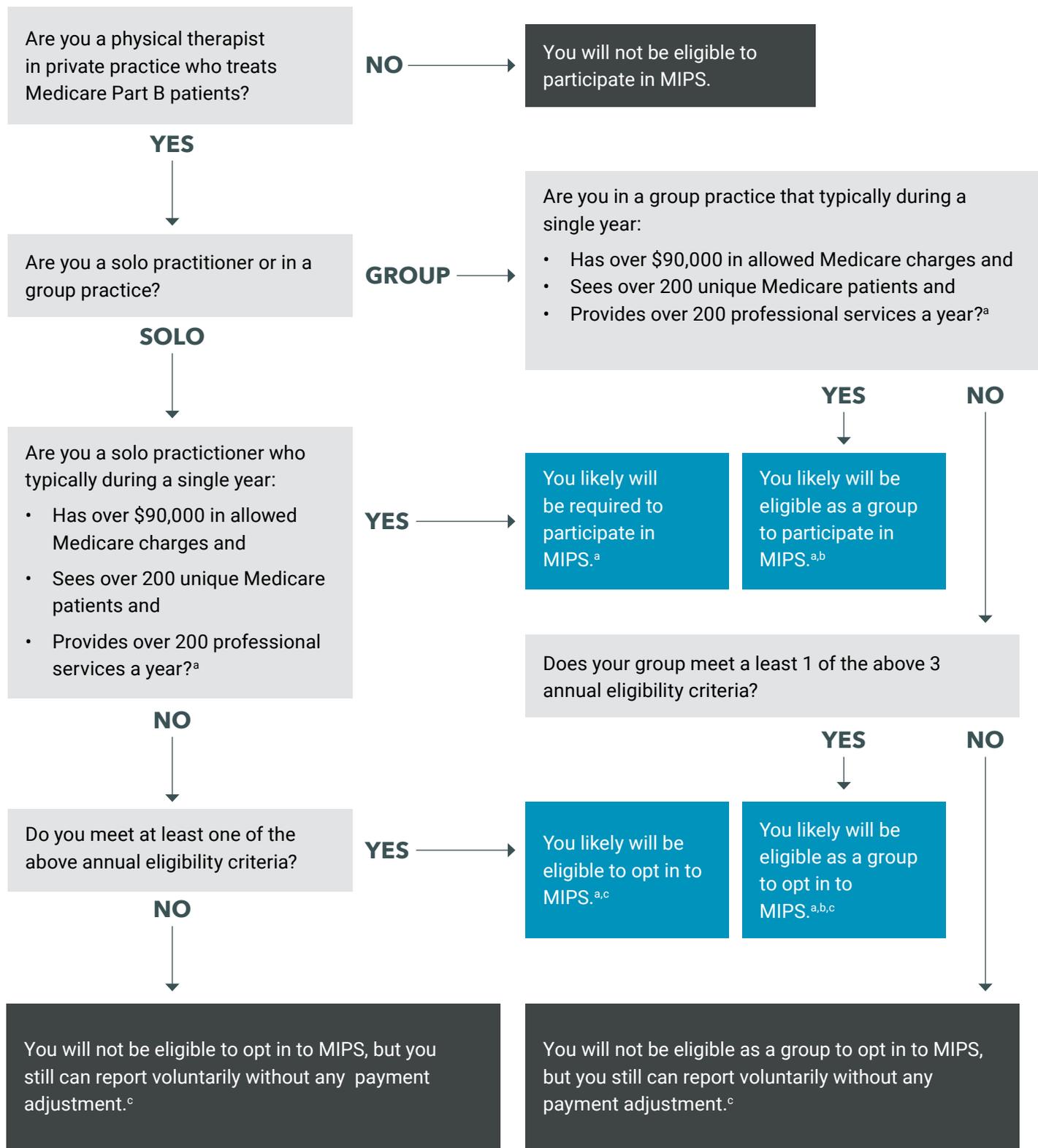


# MIPS or Not?

Do you have to participate in MIPS? Can you participate voluntarily? Or do you sit out participation for now? Use this decision tree to help you determine your status and your options.



**a. How do I know if I meet the thresholds and criteria?**

To help you verify your eligibility or requirement to participate in MIPS, use CMS' QPP Participation Look-Up Tool, found at [qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup/](http://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup/).

**b. If I am not required to, why would I voluntarily participate in MIPS?**

There are two good reasons: First, MIPS allows PTs and physical therapy practices to earn incentive payments and prepare for participation in alternative payment models through the collection of data. Because eligible PTs will report on only two MIPS categories – Quality and Improvement Activities—scoring will be weighted solely on these two categories. Second, voluntarily reporting now prepares PTs for the future, when mandatory MIPS participation could extend to wider groups of participants.

**c. Should I participate as an individual or as a group?**

Many PTs in group practices may find it easier to participate in MIPS as a group, as this will allow the group to work together in reporting the same quality measures to achieve the highest possible point total for all providers in the group.

For more information regarding eligibility, check out the CMS MIPS Eligibility Decision Tree found in the [QPP Resource Library](#).