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# 2024 Merit-based Incentive Payment System Automatic Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policy

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## Purpose

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) automatic extreme and uncontrollable circumstances (EUC) policy was established to support clinicians affected by natural disasters and public health emergencies. Clinicians affected by certain circumstances may have their performance categories reweighted and receive a neutral payment adjustment. This resource addresses the automatic EUC policy as it applies to **individual MIPS eligible clinicians** for the 2024 performance year.

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| **The** **MIPS automatic EUC policy (and this fact sheet) only applies to MIPS eligible clinicians participating as individuals.**  **The MIPS automatic EUC policy doesn’t apply to group, subgroup, virtual group, or Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entity participation.**  The [2024 MIPS EUC Exception application](https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications?py=2024) is now available for individuals, groups, virtual groups, and APM Entities. |

## Who Does the MIPS Automatic EUC Policy Apply to?

The MIPS automatic EUC policy applies to MIPS eligible clinicians identified as located in a [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-designated region](https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/EPRO-Home.html) affected by extreme and uncontrollable circumstances (such as a [Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-designated major disaster](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations) or [Secretary of Health and Human Services determined public health emergency](https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/default.aspx)) during the 2024 performance year. For these clinicians, we aim to reduce their reporting burden by eliminating the need to submit an application to request reweighting of one or more MIPS performance categories.We’ll update this resource if additional qualifying circumstances are identified that trigger this policy.

The MIPS automatic EUC policy doesn’t apply to group, subgroup, virtual group, or APM Entity participation.

* Groups that submit data will be scored according to existing MIPS scoring policies. The MIPS eligible clinicians in the group will receive the group’s final score and associated payment adjustment unless they have a higher score from individual or APM Entity participation.
* Clinicians that register to report a MIPS Value Pathway (MVP) as a subgroup and submit data will be scored according to existing MIPS scoring policies. The MIPS eligible clinicians in the subgroup will receive the subgroup’s final score and associated payment adjustment unless they have a higher score from individual, group, or APM Entity participation.
* Virtual groups (regardless of data submission) will be scored according to existing MIPS scoring policies. The MIPS eligible clinicians in the virtual group will receive the virtual group’s final score and associated payment adjustment.
* APM Entities that submit MIPS data will be scored according to existing MIPS scoring policies. MIPS eligible clinicians in the APM Entity will receive the APM Entity’s final score and associated payment adjustment unless they have a higher score from individual or group participation.

## How Does the MIPS Automatic EUC Policy Work?

We identify MIPS eligible clinicians in CMS-designated areas that have been affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance based on the address associated with the clinician in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS), which is the practice address, displayed on the [QPP Participation Status Tool](https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup).

MIPS eligible clinicians who are automatically identified and subject to MIPS will have all 4 performance categories weighted at 0% of their final score.

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| We make every effort to accurately identify all clinicians who are eligible for this policy**. Clinicians should ensure that the practice address listed in PECOS is current and check their performance feedback on the** [**QPP website**](https://qpp.cms.gov/login) **to ensure the policy was applied correctly, if applicable.**  **Note:** The [QPP Participation Status Tool](https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup) will be updated in December 2024 with all of the qualifying events that triggered the MIPS automatic EUC policy in the 2024 performance year. |

Individual clinicians will automatically have all 4 MIPS performance categories reweighted to 0% and receive a score equal to the performance threshold, which will result in a neutral payment adjustment for the 2026 MIPS payment year **unless**:

* The clinician submits data, or can be scored, as an individual for 2 or more MIPS performance categories (quality, improvement activities, and/or Promoting Interoperability):
* A qualifying data submission by individual clinicians voids the 0% performance category weight on a category-by-category basis; as finalized in the [CY 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2024-25382/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-calendar-year-2025-payment-policies-under-the-physician-fee-schedule), a non-qualifying (incomplete) submission for a performance category won’t void its 0% weighting;
* Clinicians who participate in an APM are eligible to receive automatic credit in the improvement activities performance category; for these MIPS eligible clinicians, submitting data for the quality and/or Promoting Interoperability performance categories will initiate a score in the improvement activities performance category (they’ll automatically receive 20 out of 40 possible points);
* Clinicians will receive a final score based on the data submitted and available for scoring;
* The clinician is part of a group, subgroup, or APM Entity that submits data on behalf of its clinicians; OR
* The clinician is part of a virtual group.

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| Under the MIPS automatic EUC policy, **the cost performance category will always be weighted at 0%**, even if a qualifying data submission (submitted at the individual level) are submitted for the other performance categories.  As a reminder, the MIPS automatic EUC policy doesn’t apply to group, subgroup, virtual group, or APM Entity participation. |

For a more detailed explanation of how your performance categories will be reweighted under the automatic policy based on data submission, please refer to [Appendix A](#_Appendix_A).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I know if I’m in an area designated by CMS as being affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance?

We communicate information about events and circumstances that trigger the MIPS automatic EUC policy through the QPP listserv. You can subscribe to the QPP listserv on the [QPP website](https://qpp.cms.gov/) by scrolling to the bottom of the webpage. In addition, we’ll update this fact sheet to identify any new events or changes to previously identified events.

We’re applying this policy to clinicians in the following designated area(s) listed on the FEMA website under PA-A and PA-B:

* The designated counties in Texas for Hurricane Beryl
  + [Texas: DR-4798-TX](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4798)
* The designated counties in Florida for Hurricane Debby (Counties updated 10/15/2024)
  + [Florida: DR-4806-FL](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4806)
* The designated parishes in Louisiana for Hurricane Francine (Parishes updated 11/04/2024)
  + [Louisiana: DR-4817-LA](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4817/designated-areas)
* The designated counties in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee for Hurricane or Tropical Storm Helene (Counties updated 01/06/2025)
  + [Florida: DR-4828-FL](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4828)
  + [Georgia: DR-4830-GA](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4830)
  + [North Carolina: DR-4827-NC](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827)
  + [South Carolina: DR-4829-SC](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4829)
  + [Tennessee: DR-4832-TN](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4832)
* The designated counties in Florida for Hurricane Milton (Counties updated 11/04/2024)
  + [Florida: DR-4834-FL](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4834)
* The designated counties in California for wildfires.
  + [California: DR-4856-CA](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856)

If, and when we identify qualifying events, you can find information about designated disaster areas in this fact sheet and on the [CMS Emergency Preparedness & Response Operations webpage](https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/what-we-do/emergency-response). Clinicians can monitor these pages for updates on designated disaster areas. [Appendix B](#_Appendix_B) lists the counties identified as located in CMS-designated areas that have been affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance.

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| **Note:** It is at CMS’ discretion whether or not a region affected by extreme and uncontrollable circumstances is identified as having qualified to trigger the MIPS automatic EUC policy. If you were part of an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance that didn’t trigger the MIPS automatic EUC policy, you may submit a [2024 MIPS EUC Exception application](https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications?py=2024), which is now available for individuals, groups, virtual groups, and APM Entities. |

### What if I’m part of a group, subgroup, virtual group, or APM Entity where some, but not all, clinicians are located in areas designated by CMS as affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance?

The automatic EUC policy will only apply to individual MIPS eligible clinicians located in the designated area. CMS will assign a weight of 0% to all performance categories, resulting in a neutral payment adjustment for the 2026 MIPS payment year to MIPS eligible clinicians located in the designated area(s), **unless** your group, subgroup or APM Entity submits data on your behalf during the 2024 submission period (January 2, 2025 – March 31, 2025) or you’re part of a CMS-approved virtual group.

A group, subgroup, or APM Entity (with clinicians who qualify for the automatic EUC policy) that chooses to submit data at the group, subgroup, or APM Entity level for the 2024 performance year will be scored as a group, subgroup, or APM Entity according to the existing and applicable 2024 MIPS scoring policies.

All CMS-approved virtual groups will be scored as a virtual group according to existing MIPS scoring policies, regardless of if they submit data or not.

Groups and virtual groups can complete an EUC Exception application if the extreme and uncontrollable circumstance affects their ability to collect data, at the group or virtual group level, for a specific MIPS performance category or categories. (Subgroups will inherit any reweighting approved for their affiliated group; they can’t request reweighting independent of their affiliated group’s status.) APM Entities also may submit an application but must request reweighting for all performance categories.

### What should I do if I’m eligible for the MIPS automatic EUC policy, but my performance feedback doesn’t reflect the correct reweighting?

If you believe that you qualified for the automatic EUC policy, but don’t see it reflected in your performance feedback, you should submit a targeted review. Targeted reviews can be requested upon release of 2024 MIPS final scores and for 30 days after 2026 MIPS payment adjustments are released.

### What happens if I’m a MIPS eligible clinician covered by the MIPS automatic EUC policy, but I still submit data?

It depends on how many performance categories for which you submit data **as an individual**.

* A qualifying data submission for 1 performance category (or no data submission at all)means that you’ll receive a final score equal to the performance threshold and receive a neutral (0%) payment adjustment.
  + **Note**: If you participate in an APM, you’re eligible to receive automatic credit in the improvement activities performance category. A qualifying data submission for the quality or Promoting Interoperability performance categories will initiate a score in the improvement activities performance category (20 out of 40 possible points), and you’ll receive a final score based on the data submitted and available for scoring.
* A qualifying data submission for 2 or 3 performance categories (quality, improvement activities, and/or Promoting Interoperability) means that you’ll be scored on the performance categories for which you submitted data. Your final score will determine your payment adjustment.
  + **Note**: If you participate in an APM, you’re eligible to receive automatic credit in the improvement activities performance category. A qualifying data submission for the quality and Promoting Interoperability performance categories will initiate a score in the improvement activities performance category (20 out of 40 possible points), and you’ll receive a final score based on the data submitted and available for scoring.
* You **won’t** be scored in any performance category for which a qualifying data submission isn’t received (see exception noted above for APM participants).
* You **won’t** be scored on the cost performance category under the automatic EUC policy even if data are submitted in other performance categories. (**Reminder**: The automatic EUC policy **doesn’t** apply to group, subgroup, virtual group, or APM Entity participation.)

### What happens if I’ve submitted Medicare Part B claims before an event that triggers the MIPS automatic EUC policy?

If a MIPS eligible clinician in a small practice reports quality measures through Medicare Part B claims collection **and** we receive data for the clinician before a triggeringevent for the automatic EUC policy, their Medicare Part B claims data would only contribute to their individual final score if they also submit data as individuals for either thePromoting Interoperability or improvement activities performance categories.

Please note that **we’ll no longer automatically calculate a score for the quality performance category at the group level** when clinicians in a small practice report quality measures through Medicare Part B claims. We’ll calculate a group score only if the group also submits data for another performance category at the group level.

## Where Can I Learn More?

* [QPP Exception Applications webpage](https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/exception-applications?py=2023)
* [FEMA-Designated Disaster Areas webpage](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations)
* [CMS’s Emergency Preparedness & Response Operations webpage](https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/EPRO-Home)
* [HHS’s Declarations of a Public Health Emergency webpage](https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/default.aspx)

To receive QPP information and updates, you can subscribe to the [QPP listserv](https://qpp.cms.gov/) by scrolling to the bottom of the QPP webpage. You can also contact the QPP Service Center by email at [QPP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QPP@cms.hhs.gov), by creating a [QPP Service Center ticket](https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central), or by phone at 1-866-288-8292 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET). People who are deaf or hard of hearing can dial 711 to be connected to a TRS Communications Assistant.

## Version History

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| Date | Change Description |
| 01/20/2025 | Updated county list for South Carolina following Hurricane Helene and added county list for California following wildfires. Clarified language for qualifying data submissions |
| 12/09/2024 | Updated county list for Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee following Hurricane Helene. |
| 11/06/2024 | Updated to reflect that the automatic EUC policy applies to certain counties in Florida for Hurricane Milton. Updated Louisiana parish list for Hurricane Francine. Updated Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina county lists for Hurricane and Tropical Storm Helene. |
| 10/15/2024 | Updated to reflect that the automatic EUC policy applies to certain counties in Louisiana for Hurricane Francine and Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee for Hurricane or Tropical Storm Helene. Updated Florida county list for Hurricane Debby. |
| 08/20/2024 | Updated to reflect that the automatic EUC policy applies to certain counties in Florida following Hurricane Debby. |
| 08/02/2024 | Updated to reflect that the automatic EUC policy applies to certain counties in Texas following Hurricane Beryl. |
| 05/13/2024 | Original version. |

## Appendix A

Table 1 depicts the 2024 MIPS performance category reweighting policies that CMS will apply under the MIPS automatic EUC policy to clinicians with qualifying data submissions (submitted at the individual level). (Clinicians in a small practice should refer to [Table 2](#_Table_2:_Reweighting).)

### Table 1: Reweighting for Clinicians Not in a Small Practice

| **Data Submitted** | **Quality Category Weight** | **Promoting Interoperability Category Weight** | **Improvement Activities Category Weight** | **Cost Category Weight** | **Payment Adjustment** |
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| No data | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 1 Performance Category** | | | | | |
| Quality Only[[1]](#footnote-2) | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| Promoting Interoperability Only1 | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| Improvement Activities Only | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | Neutral |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 2 Performance Categories** | | | | | |
| Quality **and**  Promoting  Interoperability1 | 70% | 30% | 0% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| Quality **and**  Improvement  Activities | 85% | 0% | 15% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| Improvement  Activities **and**  Promoting  Interoperability | 0% | 85% | 15% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 3 Performance Categories** | | | | | |
| Quality **and** Improvement Activities **and** Promoting  Interoperability | 55% | 30% | 15% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |

Table 2 depicts the 2024 MIPS performance category reweighting policies that CMS will apply under the MIPS automatic EUC policy to clinicians in small practices data with qualifying data submissions (submitted at the as individual level).

### Table 2: Reweighting for Clinicians in a Small Practice

| **Data Submitted** | **Quality Category Weight** | **Promoting Interoperability Category Weight** | **Improvement Activities Category Weight** | **Cost Category Weight** | **Payment Adjustment** |
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| No data | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 1 Performance Category** | | | | | |
| Quality Only[[2]](#footnote-3) | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| Promoting Interoperability Only2 | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | Neutral |
| Improvement Activities Only | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | Neutral |

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| **Data Submitted** | **Quality Category Weight** | | **Promoting Interoperability Category Weight** | | **Improvement Activities Category Weight** | **Cost Category Weight** | **Payment Adjustment** |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 2 Performance Categories** | | | | | | | |
| Quality **and**  Promoting  Interoperability2 | | 70% | | 30% | 0% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| Quality **and**  Improvement  Activities | | 50% | | 0% | 50% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| Improvement  Activities **and**  Promoting  Interoperability | | 0% | | 85% | 15% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |
| **Qualifying Data Submission for 3 Performance Categories** | | | | | | | |
| Quality **and** Improvement Activities **and** Promoting  Interoperability | | 55% | | 30% | 15% | 0% | Positive,  Negative, or  Neutral |

## Appendix B

The table below lists the affected counties/areas located in a CMS-designated region affected by an extreme and uncontrollable circumstance during the 2024 MIPS performance year. (This information is current as of the most recent date in the version history table and may not reflect changes that have been identified on the FEMA disaster declaration webpage after publication.)

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| **Texas Hurricane Beryl – Texas Counties –** [**DR-4798-TX**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4798)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Texas: | | |
| **PA-A**  Anderson  Angelina  Aransas  Austin  Bowie  Brazoria  Brazos  Burleson  Calhoun  Cameron  Camp  Cass  Chambers  Cherokee  Colorado  DeWitt  Fayette  Fort Bend  Freestone  Galveston  Goliad  Gregg  Grimes | Hardin  Harris  Harrison  Hidalgo  Houston  Jackson  Jasper  Jefferson  Kenedy  Kleberg  Lavaca  Lee  Leon  Liberty  Madison  Marion  Matagorda  Milam  Montgomery  Morris  Nacogdoches  Newton  Nueces | Orange  Panola  Polk  Refugio  Robertson  Rusk  Sabine  San Augustine  San Jacinto  San Patricio  Shelby  Trinity  Tyler  Upshur  Victoria  Walker  Waller  Washington  Webb  Wharton  Willacy |
| **PA-B**  Anderson  Angelina  Aransas  Austin  Bowie  Brazoria  Brazos  Burleson  Calhoun  Cameron  Camp  Cass  Chambers  Cherokee  Colorado  DeWitt  Fayette  Fort Bend  Freestone  Galveston  Goliad  Gregg | Grimes  Hardin  Harris  Harrison  Hidalgo  Houston  Jackson  Jasper  Jefferson  Kenedy  Kleberg  Lavaca  Lee  Leon  Liberty  Madison  Marion  Matagorda  Milam  Montgomery  Morris  Nacogdoches  Newton | Nueces  Orange  Panola  Polk  Refugio  Robertson  Rusk  Sabine  San Augustine  San Jacinto  San Patricio  Shelby  Trinity  Tyler  Upshur  Victoria  Walker  Waller  Washington  Webb  Wharton  Willacy |

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| **Florida Hurricane Debby – Florida Counties –** [**DR-4806-FL**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4806)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Florida: | | |
| **PA-A**  Alachua  Baker  Bradford  Charlotte  Clay  Columbia  Dixie  Duval  Franklin | Gilchrist  Hamilton  Jefferson  Lafayette  Leon  Levy  Madison  Manatee  Nassau | Pinellas  Sarasota  St. Johns  Sumter  Suwannee  Taylor  Union  Wakulla |
| **PA-B**  Alachua  Baker  Bay  Bradford  Brevard  Calhoun  Charlotte  Citrus  Clay  Collier  Columbia  DeSoto  Dixie  Duval  Escambia  Flagler  Franklin  Gadsden  Gilchrist  Glades  Gulf | Hamilton  Hardee  Hendry  Hernando  Highlands  Hillsborough  Holmes  Jackson  Jefferson  Lafayette  Lake  Lee  Leon  Levy  Liberty  Madison  Manatee  Marion  Monroe  Nassau  Okaloosa | Okeechobee  Orange  Osceola  Pasco  Pinellas  Polk  Putnam  Santa Rosa  Sarasota  Seminole  St. Johns  Sumter  Suwannee  Taylor  Union  Volusia  Wakulla  Walton  Washington |

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| **Louisiana Hurricane Francine – Louisiana Parishes –** [**DR-4817-LA**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4817/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following parishes in Louisiana: | | |
| **PA-A**  Ascension  Assumption  East Baton Rouge  East Feliciana  Iberville  Jefferson  Lafourche  Livingston | Orleans  Plaquemines  St. Bernard  St. Charles  St. Helena  St. James  St. John the Baptist | St. Martin  St. Mary  St. Tammany  Tangipahoa  Terrebonne  Washington  West Feliciana |
| **PA-B**  Ascension  Assumption  East Baton Rouge  East Feliciana  Iberville  Jefferson  Lafourche  Livingston | Orleans  Plaquemines  St. Bernard  St. Charles  St. Helena  St. James  St. John the Baptist | St. Martin  St. Mary  St. Tammany  Tangipahoa  Terrebonne  Washington  West Feliciana |

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| **Florida Hurricane Helene – Florida Counties –** [**DR-4828-FL**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4828/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Florida: | | |
| **PA-A**  Alachua  Baker  Bradford  Charlotte  Citrus  Clay  Collier  Columbia  Dixie  Duval  Franklin  Gadsden | Gilchrist  Gulf  Hamilton  Hernando  Hillsborough  Jefferson  Lafayette  Lee  Leon  Levy  Liberty  Madison | Manatee  Marion  Nassau  Pasco  Pinellas  Putnam  Sarasota  Sumter  Suwannee  Taylor  Union  Wakulla |
| **PA-B**  Alachua  Baker  Bay  Bradford  Calhoun  Charlotte  Citrus  Clay  Collier  Columbia  Dixie  Duval  Escambia  Franklin  Gadsden  Gilchrist | Gulf  Hamilton  Hernando  Hillsborough  Holmes  Jackson  Jefferson  Lafayette  Lee  Leon  Levy  Liberty  Madison  Manatee  Marion  Monroe | Nassau  Okaloosa  Pasco  Pinellas  Putnam  Santa Rosa  Sarasota  Sumter  Suwannee  Taylor  Union  Wakulla  Walton  Washington |

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| **Georgia Hurricane Helene – Georgia Counties –** [**DR-4830-GA**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4830/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Georgia: | | |
| **PA-A**  Appling  Atkinson  Bacon  Baldwin  Banks  Ben Hill  Berrien  Bleckley  Brantley  Brooks  Bryan  Bulloch  Burke  Butts  Camden  Candler  Charlton  Chatham  Clinch  Coffee  Colquitt  Columbia  Cook  Crisp  Dawson  Decatur  Dodge  Dooly  Echols  Effingham  Elbert | Emanuel  Evans  Franklin  Gilmer  Glascock  Glynn  Grady  Greene  Habersham  Hancock  Hart  Irwin  Jackson  Jasper  Jeff Davis  Jefferson  Jenkins  Johnson  Lamar  Lanier  Laurens  Liberty  Lincoln  Long  Lowndes  Lumpkin  Madison  McDuffie  McIntosh  Mitchell  Monroe | Montgomery  Oglethorpe  Paulding  Pierce  Pike  Pulaski  Putnam  Rabun  Richmond  Screven  Stephens  Taliaferro  Tattnall  Telfair  Thomas  Tift  Toombs  Treutlen  Turner  Twiggs  Ware  Warren  Washington  Wayne  Wheeler  White  Wilcox  Wilkes  Wilkinson  Worth |
| **PA-B**  Appling  Atkinson  Bacon  Baldwin  Banks  Ben Hill  Berrien  Bleckley  Brantley  Brooks  Bryan  Bulloch  Burke  Butts  Camden  Candler  Charlton  Chatham  Clinch  Coffee  Colquitt  Columbia  Cook  Crisp  Dawson  Decatur  Dodge  Dooly  Echols  Effingham  Elbert | Emanuel  Evans  Franklin  Gilmer  Glascock  Glynn  Grady  Greene  Habersham  Hancock  Hart  Irwin  Jackson  Jasper  Jeff Davis  Jefferson  Jenkins  Johnson  Lamar  Lanier  Laurens  Liberty  Lincoln  Long  Lowndes  Lumpkin  Madison  McDuffie  McIntosh  Mitchell  Monroe | Montgomery  Oglethorpe  Paulding  Pierce  Pike  Pulaski  Putnam  Rabun  Richmond  Screven  Stephens  Taliaferro  Tattnall  Telfair  Thomas  Tift  Toombs  Treutlen  Turner  Twiggs  Ware  Warren  Washington  Wayne  Wheeler  White  Wilcox  Wilkes  Wilkinson  Worth |

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| **North Carolina Tropical Storm Helene – North Carolina Counties –** [**DR-4827-NC**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in North Carolina: | | |
| **PA-A**  Alexander  Alleghany  Ashe  Avery  Buncombe  Burke  Cabarrus  Caldwell  Catawba  Cherokee  Clay  Cleveland  Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina | Forsyth  Gaston  Graham  Haywood  Henderson  Iredell  Jackson  Lee  Lincoln  Macon  Madison  McDowell  Mecklenburg  Mitchell | Nash  Polk  Rowan  Rutherford  Stanly  Surry  Swain  Transylvania  Union  Watauga  Wilkes  Yadkin  Yancey |
| **PA-B**  Alexander  Alleghany  Ashe  Avery  Buncombe  Burke  Cabarrus  Caldwell  Catawba  Cherokee  Clay  Cleveland  Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina | Forsyth  Gaston  Graham  Haywood  Henderson  Iredell  Jackson  Lee  Lincoln  Macon  Madison  McDowell  Mecklenburg  Mitchell | Nash  Polk  Rowan  Rutherford  Stanly  Surry  Swain  Transylvania  Union  Watauga  Wilkes  Yadkin  Yancey |

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| **South Carolina Hurricane Helene – South Carolina Counties –** [**DR-4829-SC**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4829/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in South Carolina: | | |
| **PA-A**  Abbeville  Aiken  Allendale  Anderson  Bamberg  Barnwell  Beaufort  Berkeley  Calhoun  Catawba Indian Reservation  Cherokee  Chester | Colleton  Edgefield  Fairfield  Greenville  Greenwood  Hampton  Jasper  Kershaw  Lancaster  Laurens  Lexington | McCormick  Newberry  Oconee  Orangeburg  Pickens  Richland  Saluda  Spartanburg  Union  Williamsburg  York |
| **PA-B**  Abbeville  Aiken  Allendale  Anderson  Bamberg  Barnwell  Beaufort  Berkeley  Calhoun  Catawba Indian Reservation  Cherokee  Chester | Colleton  Edgefield  Fairfield  Greenville  Greenwood  Hampton  Jasper  Kershaw  Lancaster  Laurens  Lexington | McCormick  Newberry  Oconee  Orangeburg  Pickens  Richland  Saluda  Spartanburg  Union  Williamsburg  York |

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| **Tennessee Tropical Storm Helene – Tennessee Counties –** [**DR-4832-TN**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4832/designated-areas)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Tennessee: | | |
| **PA-A**  Carter  Claiborne  Cocke  Grainger  Greene | Hamblen  Hancock  Hawkins  Jefferson  Johnson | Sevier  Sullivan  Unicoi  Washington |
| **PA-B**  Carter  Claiborne  Cocke  Grainger  Greene | Hamblen  Hancock  Hawkins  Jefferson  Johnson | Sevier  Sullivan  Unicoi  Washington |

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| **Florida Hurricane Milton – Florida Counties –** [**DR-4834-FL**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4834)  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in Florida: | | |
| **PA-A**  Brevard  Charlotte  Citrus  Clay  Collier  DeSoto  Duval  Flagler  Glades  Hardee  Hendry  Hernando | Highlands  Hillsborough  Indian River  Lake  Lee  Manatee  Marion  Martin  Miccosukee Indian Reservation  Nassau  Okeechobee  Orange | Osceola  Palm Beach  Pasco  Pinellas  Polk  Putnam  Sarasota  Seminole  St. Johns  St. Lucie  Sumter  Volusia |
| **PA-B**  Alachua  Baker  Bradford  Brevard  Broward  Charlotte  Citrus  Clay  Collier  Columbia  DeSoto  Dixie  Duval  Flagler  Gilchrist  Glades  Hamilton  Hardee | Hendry  Hernando  Highlands  Hillsborough  Indian River  Lafayette  Lake  Lee  Levy  Madison  Manatee  Marion  Martin  Miami-Dade  Miccosukee Indian Reservation  Monroe  Nassau | Okeechobee  Orange  Osceola  Palm Beach  Pasco  Pinellas  Polk  Putnam  Sarasota  Seminole  St. Johns  St. Lucie  Sumter  Suwannee  Taylor  Union  Volusia |

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| **California Wildfires – California Counties – [DR-4856-CA](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4856/designated-areas)**  Note: The automatic EUC policy applies to the following counties in California: |
| **PA-A**  Los Angeles |
| **PA-B**  Los Angeles |

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