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June 2024 Issue

Welcome to the Partnership for Quality Measure (PQM) Newsletter

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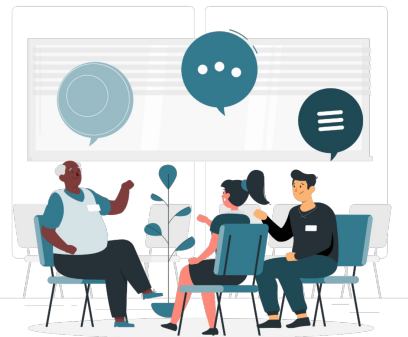
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Committee Nominations Close this Friday, June 7

There is still time to submit your nominations to participate in a PQM committee. Battelle is accepting nominations through **June 7**, for PQM committees supporting the Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) and Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) processes.

Please note, Measure Set Review (MSR) group members are selected from seated PRMR committee members.

Individuals and organizations may nominate themselves or others using the [PQM Committee Nomination Form](#).

Submit a nomination today!



Patient Voices Needed for Committees

Use your voice to shape the future of patient safety and health care quality.

We need your unique perspective represented on our PRMR and E&M committees to ensure quality measures truly serve patients, reduce potential harms, and increase positive outcomes.

Interested? Please submit your [patient nomination](#) by **June 7**.

Who Should Apply?

Submit your nomination if you are a patient, caregiver, family member, or a patient advocate who:

- **Lives in the United States,**
- **Are 18 years of age or older, and**
- **Are NOT employed by a patient advocacy organization.**

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

To learn more about PQM, visit p4qm.org.

For more information about quality measurement, visit the [CMS Measures Management System \(MMS\) Hub](#).

Nominations For PRMR Committees

We are accepting nominations for three PRMR committees:

- **Clinician**
- **Hospital**
- **Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care**

PRMR committee members use their lived experiences and areas of expertise to recommend health care quality measures currently under consideration for use in select Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) programs.

Learn more about what to expect as a committee member in the:

[PQM Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR](#), which has been updated and is currently open for public comment (see below for more information).

Nominations For E&M Projects

We are accepting nominations for five E&M projects:

- **Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care**
- **Cost and Efficiency**
- **Initial Recognition and Management**
- **Management of Acute Events, Chronic Disease, Surgery, and Behavioral Health**
- **Primary Prevention**

E&M committee members review and recommend endorsement decisions about health care quality measures to Battelle, a consensus-based entity.

Through this review, E&M committee members ensure the health care measures Battelle

endorses are evidence-based, scientifically sound, safe and effective, and are consistent with current professional knowledge.

Learn more in the [E&M Guidebook](#).

E&M Updates

Spring 2024 Measures: Public Comment Closes June 14

Public comment for the **Spring 2024 E&M cycle** measures will close **June 14**. This is an opportunity for you to provide written feedback on the measures for the Spring 2024 cycle.

To submit a public comment for a Spring 2024 measure, please visit the project pages, view the Measures tab, and apply the Spring 2024 filter:

- [Primary Prevention](#)
- [Management of Acute Events and Chronic Conditions](#)
- [Initial Recognition and Management](#)
- [Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care](#)
- [Cost and Efficiency](#)

Changes Made to the E&M Process

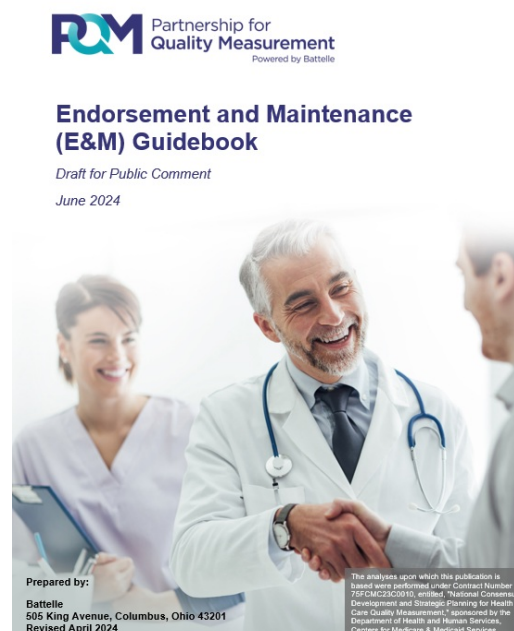
We recently implemented several changes to the E&M process for the Spring 2024 cycle.

Some of the changes include focusing on increased E&M committee engagement. All changes are reflected in an updated version of the [E&M Guidebook](#), which is now open for public comment.

Please see below for more information.

Additional enhancements and clarifications will take effect beginning with the **Fall 2024 cycle**.

E&M Guidebook Open for Public Comment



The updated version of the E&M Guidebook is open for public comment until **June 24**. This is an opportunity for you to provide written feedback on updated E&M policies and procedures that will be applied beginning with the **Fall 2024 cycle**.

Please submit your comments through the [PQM Public Comments Page](#).

Please note, your name and organization will be visible on the PQM website alongside your comment after comments are posted. You can also submit attachments with your comments using the attachment function.

The final version of the [Guidebook](#) will incorporate changes based on feedback received during the public comment period.

E&M Committee Announcements

Attention E&M Recommendation Group Members: Measure Review is June 17 – July 7

E&M Recommendation Group members will perform their independent measure reviews for their respective committee **June 17 - July 7**.

Endorsement meetings will take place **July 26 - August 1**.

As a friendly reminder, independent measure reviews are only a requirement for Recommendation Group members. Instructions and

Measure Specific- Disclosure of Interest (MS-DOI) forms for the Spring 2024 cycle have been sent to E&M committee members.

If you are a Recommendation Group committee member and have **NOT**

materials for completing independent measure reviews will be coming soon.

This change was announced as part of our [Enhancements to the E&M Process for Spring 2024](#).

completed your MS-DOI form yet, please do so by **June 14**.

PRMR/MSR Updates

Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR Open for Public Comment



The updated version of the [Guidebook for Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR](#) is open for public comment now until **June 24**.

The goal of PRMR and MSR processes is to solicit input to inform the selection and/or review for continued use of health care quality and efficiency measures in select CMS quality programs.

This edition of the Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR includes several updates and clarifications including:

- **Larger Recommendation Group size**
- **Advisory Group-specific meetings**
- **Updated timeline of MSR activities for the 2024 cycle**
- **Information about the “recommendation with conditions” voting status**
- **Clarification about voting procedures for instrument-based measures**

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Now Available: PQM Measure Strategy Summit Meeting Summary

The Measure Strategy Summit was held in **Baltimore, Maryland, on April 11, 2024**. The meeting focused on a debrief of the previous year’s measure review cycle and feedback on proposed process improvements to offer strategic guidance to Battelle and CMS.

Topics included:

- **Proposed process improvements for the upcoming PRMR and MSR cycles;**
- **CMS measures under development and the consensus-based entity strategic plan; and**
- **Criteria for applying Cascade of Meaningful Measures priority area(s) to select measures for the upcoming MSR cycle.**

The meeting summary is available on the [PQM website](#).



Core Quality Measures Collaborative Updates

Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) Pediatrics Workgroup Meeting

Battelle convened the CQMC Pediatrics Workgroup on Wednesday, April 17, to discuss potential measure removals from the [Pediatrics Core Set](#). To learn more, please review the [CQMC Pediatrics Workgroup Meeting Summary](#).

About PQM

Who We Are

Battelle is a **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** certified consensus-based entity. Battelle's PQM uses a consensus-based process involving a variety of experts to ensure informed and thoughtful endorsement reviews of qualified measures.

Our Purpose

Staffed by experts in health care quality improvement, and directed by interested parties across the field of health care, PQM has a vision that the quality measure endorsement process should be reliable, transparent, attainable, equitable, and most of all, meaningful.

For more information, please visit the [PQM Website](#).

Grow Your Network

Follow PQM on LinkedIn to stay up to date with events, public comment opportunities, and important deadlines.



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