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Submit Member Accomplishments

Do you have any news or accomplishments that you would like to share with us?

If so, we would love to feature you in our monthly newsletter.

Please email PQMsupport@battelle.org with "PQM Member Highlight" in the subject line so we can celebrate your accomplishments.



Final PQM Committee Rosters Available

PQM relies on its diverse membership to ensure all voices and perspectives are represented and considered throughout the measure review process. Thank you again to everyone who submitted nominations for our Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) and Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) committees. Congratulations to all of our PQM committee members.

E&M Committee Rosters

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

PRMR Committee Rosters

- [Clinician](#)
- [Hospital](#)

– [Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care \(PAC/LTC\)](#)

MSR Committee Roster

– [Measure Set Review \(MSR\) Recommendation Group](#)

This year, we received over 250 applications to fill positions across 12 different roster categories, such as patients, clinicians, rural health, and health equity—just to name a few. If you were not appointed to a committee this year, we strongly encourage you to continue to share your perspectives through future written and live public comment opportunities, such as listening sessions. We value input from a diverse array of voices.

We Greatly Appreciate Your Support!

E&M Updates

Now Available: Spring 2024 Cycle Meeting Summaries

As part of our 6-month measure endorsement and maintenance review process, we held 11 virtual meetings that brought together 127 E&M committee members, measure developers/stewards, and members of the public.

Spring 2024 Meeting Summaries

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

Appeal Endorsement Decisions

We are now accepting appeals of Spring 2024 endorsement decisions. The appeals period closes **11:59 p.m. (ET) September 20.**

If eligible appeals are submitted, the Appeals Committee will convene on September 30. This committee determines if an endorsement decision is maintained or overturned.

More information can be found on the [PQM website](#).

Fall 2024 Cycle Intent to Submit (ITS) Submissions

Battelle is now accepting [ITS Forms](#). This is for measure developers and stewards to notify Battelle, the consensus-based entity, of their intent to submit new measures or measures up for maintenance. Measure developers and stewards can refer to the [measure submission page](#) for important information regarding the submission process.



**Submit ITS Forms by
11:59 p.m. (ET) October 1**



Fall 2024 Cycle Virtual Meetings

E&M Public Comment Listening Session

November 21, 2024

E&M Advisory Group Meetings

December 2-5, 2024

E&M Recommendation Group Meetings

February 7-13, 2025

View the [PQM event calendar](#) for more information.

E&M Committee Member Orientation on September 18

[Register to attend](#) the virtual [E&M Committee Member Orientation](#) on **September 18** from **1 - 2:30 p.m. (ET)**.

This is an opportunity for E&M committee members to gain insight into what to expect from the upcoming cycle and learn more about the E&M process. E&M Committee members, please [register](#) by **September 4**.

Measure Developer Workshop on October 30

On **October 30 from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (ET)**, we will host a virtual measure developer workshop, [What Good Looks Like: A Comprehensive Guide to Successful Endorsement](#).

This is an opportunity for measure developers and stewards to learn about high-quality measure submissions for measure endorsement by a consensus-based entity.

Please complete this [four-question survey](#) by **October 9** if you have specific questions or topics you would like to discuss during the workshop.

Please [register](#) by **October 9**.

Please note, the August issue of the PQM Newsletter featured the wrong date for the Measure Developer Workshop.

PRMR/MSR Updates

MSR Preliminary Assessments Public Comment Opportunity Closes September 20

The [MSR Preliminary Assessments \(PAs\)](#) of measures undergoing review for continued use in CMS quality programs are open for [public comment](#) until **11:59 pm (ET) September 20**.



PAs are developed by referencing several sources including information in the CMS Measures Under Consideration (MUC) Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT) and the PQM Submission Tool and Repository (STAR) measure database as well as discussions with measure developers and stewards. For more information about this process, please view the [Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR](#).

Public PRMR/MSR Virtual Meetings



Save the date for three opportunities to comment on MUC List measures under review by PRMR committees. Additional details will be shared closer to the events.

The MUC list will be available on the [PQM website](#) by **December 1**.

MSR Meeting

MSR Recommendation Group Meeting:

September 30 -
October 1, 10 a.m. - 6
p.m. (ET).

During this meeting, the MSR Recommendation Group will discuss and develop recommendations measure for continued use in CMS quality programs.

The public is welcome to observe this meeting.

- **PRMR Clinician Listening Session:** December 17, 1 - 4 p.m. (ET)

- **PRMR Hospital Listening Session:** December 18, 1 - 4 p.m. (ET)

- **PRMR PAC/LTC Listening Session:** December 19, 1 - 2 p.m. (ET)

For more information, visit the [PRMR](#) news and events pages.

For more information, visit the [MSR](#) news and events pages.

PRMR Committee Corner

PRMR committee members, please note several upcoming dates and milestones for the 2024-2025 PRMR cycle. These meetings are open to the public.

- **PRMR Committee Member Orientation:** November 7, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

- **Complete PRMR Pre-Meeting Initial Evaluation (PIE) Forms:** Early December

- **PRMR Clinician Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 7, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

- **PRMR Hospital Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 8, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

- **PRMR PAC/LTC Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 9, 1 - 2 p.m. (ET)

CQMC Updates

About CQMC

The CQMC is a broad-based coalition of health care leaders working to facilitate cross-payer measure alignment through the development of core sets of measures to assess the quality of health care in the United States.

The CQMC core measure sets (core sets) are intended for use in value-based payment programs and may also be used to drive improvement in high-priority areas.



CQMC Full Collaborative Meeting Summary

On **July 17**, we hosted a Full Collaborative meeting, an opportunity for CQMC members to meet and discuss updates from the [core set](#) workgroups. During this meeting, the CQMC workgroup reviewed and discussed updates to the HIV/Hepatitis C, Orthopedics, and Pediatric workgroups. All three workgroups met earlier this year to discuss changes to their core sets.

The core sets can be used in their entirety to holistically assess quality or can serve as a starting point when selecting measures to meet specific goals.

CQMC core sets are developed and maintained using a multistakeholder, consensus-based process and established [measure selection principles](#).

Want to learn more? Please view the [CQMC](#) page.

The [HIV/Hepatitis C](#) and [Orthopedics](#) workgroups voted on proposed changes. The [Pediatric Workgroup](#) discussed a proposed change but did not vote.

To learn more about the Full Collaborative Meeting, view the [Meeting Summary](#).

Proposed Core Set Review Schedule

The CQMC reviews core measure sets annually to ensure they reflect the best available measures. The workgroups alternate every other year between full and light maintenance review. View the [2024 Proposed Core Set Review Schedule](#).

Full Maintenance: The CQMC reviews potential new measures to address high-priority areas.

Light Maintenance: Workgroups review measures in the existing sets and remove measures, if necessary.

For more information, contact CQMC@Battelle.org.

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](#).

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