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Newsletter



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Accomplishments**

Do you have any news or accomplishments you would like to share in the newsletter? We would love to include them. Submit a brief 150-word summary to PQMsupport@battelle.org with the subject "PQM Member Highlight."



Photo by Dr. Dora Hughes, CMS Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality

**Workshop Explores Health Care
Performance Priorities and
National Quality Strategy**

In partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Battelle convened a group of health care leaders June 10–11, 2026, in Baltimore, Maryland, to discuss the CMS Quality Strategy and priorities for advancing health care performance. Specifically, attendees examined how a coordinated national quality improvement system can drive sustained gains in quality, safety, patient experience, access, and cost.

Interactive sessions explored how to redesign the federal quality ecosystem by focusing on three core drivers of improvement— incentives, infrastructure, and evidence—and identifying opportunities to better align CMS programs and quality levers (i.e., quality reporting programs, public reporting, payment models, and quality improvement initiatives). Discussions emphasized the importance of designing policies that effectively influence organizational and clinician behavior, including the role of meaningful financial incentives, reduced administrative burden, real-time data, and stronger alignment with care delivery.

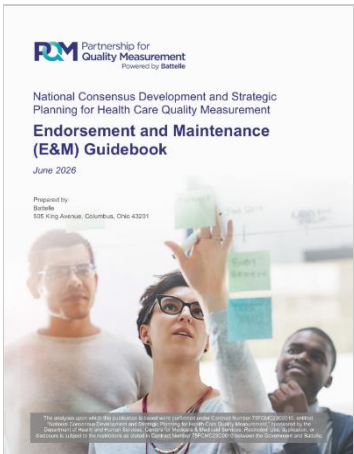
Educational Webinar

Learn About Changes to the E&M Guidebook

Join us for “**Enhancements to the Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) Guidebook and Processes**,” an educational webinar on the major changes to the E&M Guidebook. We will also review of the public comments and our responses.

Time and Date: 1 - 2 PM (ET) July 27, 2026

Register to Attend



Public Comment Opportunities

E&M

E&M Guidebook

When: June 15 - July 5

Share your thoughts on proposed updated policies and procedures.

Submit a comment.

Spring 2026 E&M Measures

When: June 8 - July 7

Comment on measures submitted to the Spring 2026 cycle for endorsement and maintenance.

MSR

**2026 MSR Performance
and Impact Analyses**

When: June 22 - July 7

Review and comment on analyses to help us prioritize which measures should undergo review for continued use in select Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality programs.

Visit the PQM website to learn more about commenting on MSR measures.

E&M Updates

Advisory Group Meetings

Meeting Themes for Each E&M Measure to Be Published Mid-July

Following the Spring 2026 Advisory Group meetings, a thematic summary of Advisory Group input will be added to each measure’s [STAR](#) page by mid-July. Advisory Group feedback will help inform Recommendation Group members’ endorsement decisions during the endorsement meetings in August. Thank you to all Advisory Group members and developers/stewards for your engagement and partnership during these important meetings!

Recommendation Group Meetings

Save the Date for Recommendation Group Meetings

E&M Endorsement Meetings will be held at the beginning of August. During these meetings, Recommendation Group members will have the opportunity to discuss measures that are up for endorsement for the Spring 2026 cycle. Materials for each Endorsement Meeting will be available and posted to respective event pages on the website about one week before each meeting.

- **Primary Prevention:** 10 AM (ET) [August 5](#)
- **Cost and Efficiency:** 10 AM (ET) [August 6](#)
- **Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care:** 10 AM (ET) [August 7](#) and [August 10](#)
- **Initial Recognition and Management:** 10 AM (ET) [August 11](#)
- **Management of Acute Events and Chronic Conditions:** 10 AM (ET) [August 12](#) and [August 13](#)

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

Note for Members

If you are a currently seated Recommendation Group member and did not receive your respective Spring 2026 endorsement meeting invite, please email PQMSupport@Battelle.org with the subject “Request for E&M Spring 2026 Meeting Calendar Invite.”

Committee Independent Reviews

Recommendation Group Members, Submit Reviews by July 9

As part of the E&M process, Recommendation Group members complete independent reviews for measures assigned to their committees. Instructions and materials were emailed to members on June 22. If you have any questions, please email PQMSupport@Battelle.org with the subject line “E&M Committee Independent Review Support.”

Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM (ET) July 9

PRMR Updates

Workshop Centered on How Quality Measurement Supports Wellness

Battelle brought together Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) and Measure Set Review (MSR) committee members on June 23 - 24 for a strategic workshop on how quality measurement can support wellness, patient safety, and health system readiness. We will share the committee members’ feedback and insights with CMS to help inform health care quality strategies. Battelle will publish a summary of key themes and recordings from the plenary sessions in early July on the PQM website.

During this meeting, Battelle also worked with participants to practice applying PRMR and MSR evaluation criteria to prepare them for committee measure reviews later this year.

PQM Resources

- **Questions:** PQMSupport@battelle.org
- **Website:** P4QM.org
- **Events:** [PQM Event Calendar](#)

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