Measures Management System Blueprint

WHAT IT IS:

CMS created the "Blueprint for the CMS Measures Management System", commonly referred to as theBlueprint, to document the core set of business processes and decision-making criteria for measure development. The Blueprint is a helpful resource whether your interest is in developing measures or in understanding the process.

WHERE TO FIND IT:

The Blueprint is located on the CMS Measures Management System website. You can navigate to it be selecting the Measure Development tab and then MMS Blueprint.

HOW TO USE:

The Blueprint was developed to provide guidance and best practices in developing meaningful clinical quality measures. It is designed as an electronic document with navigation bookmarks and internal and external hyperlinks to make it easier to locate content. It does not have to be read from beginning to end, rather you can quickly go to an area of interest to learn more.

REASONS TO USE THE BLUEPRINT:

- To understand CMS' quality planning priorities (Section 1)
- To understand the measure development lifecycle (Section 2)
- To learn about testing measures and key considerations (start with Section 2 and explore the testing articles)
- To gather ideas about how to engage stakeholders (see the article on patient and family engagement)
- To learn how to form and manage a Technical Expert Panel (TEP) to support measure development (see the article on TEPs)
- To learn about the different types of measures (start with Section 2 and explore the measure types articles)
- To learn about how to get public input (explore the public comments article)