

Welcome!

This month's newsletter provides an overview of the latest version of the CMS MMS Blueprint (13.0). Every edition includes links to the CMS Blueprint (the version in use at the time of publication), as well as a calendar of upcoming opportunities and events.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and we welcome any feedback or suggestions to make it even better.

Please send comments or suggestions for future newsletters to MMSSupport@battelle.org.

Measures Management & You Blueprint 13.0

We are pleased to announce the release of the latest version of the MMS Blueprint, version 13.0! The format of this version remains largely the same as version 12.0, with two notable exceptions.

First, the Blueprint has undergone a complete graphics overhaul. CMS assessed all of the tables and figures for usefulness and readability and then modified content as necessary. In some cases, this meant eliminating some graphics that were outdated or unnecessary and adding new graphics to promote a broader understanding of the Blueprint topics. Every graphic is now part of a set, making the aesthetic of the Blueprint more cohesive.

Second, CMS engaged an electronic clinical quality measures (eCQM) working group to help us and completely readdressed the content and presentation of the eCQM information within the Blueprint. This interaction resulted in the elimination of the section dedicated to eCQM (formerly Section 4) in favor of a more holistic and unified approach to addressing eCQMs by placing them alongside traditional

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measures throughout the document. There are now several eCQM-specific chapters, including:

- Chapter 6 Introduction to Electronic Clinical Quality Measures
- Chapter 7 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) Standards and Tools
- Chapter 17 Codes, Code Systems, and Datasets (includes discussions of Values, Value Sets, and the Value Set Authority Center)

Two existing chapters underwent major revisions to incorporate more information on eCQMs:

- Chapter 13 Measure Technical Specification
- Chapter 21 Testing for Special Types of Measures.

Finally, CMS eliminated most of the eCQM-specific appendices in favor of incorporation of the information elsewhere in the document.

Other content changes in this version include a revised business case development section, as well as new language on the Technical Expert Panel structure and best practices.

The next Blueprint update, version 13.1, will launch in the fall of 2017.

Click [here](#) for the latest version of the *Blueprint* (13.0). If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on the *Blueprint*, please contact us at MMSSupport@battelle.org.

JIRA Updates for 2017

To get access to the JIRA MUC 2017 site: First, users must create an ONC JIRA account at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/user/register>. Once established, users must send an email with their new account information to MMSSupport@battelle.org. Go to the JIRA MUC 2017 User Guide from the [Pre-Rule Making website](#). You can also find information on how to request access to the separate 2017 MUC project website.

Upcoming Events

All times shown are Eastern Time zone

- IPFQR Program Keys to Successful FY 2018 Reporting webinar on June 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- OQR: The Question and Answer Show webinar on June 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- PCHQR Program Web-Based Data Collection Tool II webinar on June 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- ASC: The Question and Answer Show webinar on June 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

Opportunities for [Public Comment](#) on quality measures

- Development and Maintenance of Post-Acute Care Cross-Setting Standardized Assessment Data (Second Public Comment)
 - Public Comment period opened on April 26, 2017 and closes on June 26, 2017.

Please check the [CMS Quality Measures Public Comment Web Page](#) for current Public Comment announcements and summary reports.

Opportunities to participate in a [Technical Expert Panel \(TEP\)](#)

- Development and Reevaluation of Outpatient Outcome Measures for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
 - The TEP nomination period opened on April 18, 2017 and closes on June 16, 2017.

Please check the [CMS Quality Measures Call for TEP Web Page](#) for current TEP membership lists and meeting summaries.

Opportunities to participate in the [Call for Measures](#)

- The Annual Call for Measures and Activities for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

CMS is posting a [fact sheet](#) and hosting a webinar to walk stakeholders through the process for the Annual Call for Measures and Activities. This process allows organizations representing eligible clinicians, such as professional associations and medical societies, to identify and submit measures for consideration from the following categories:

- Measures for the Quality performance category
- Measures for the Advancing Care Information performance category
- Activities for the Improvement Activities performance category

All [information and supplemental documents](#) must be submitted by June 30, 2017. The final MIPS measures and activities for 2018 will be posted by November 1, 2017.

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