



Measure Management and You

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Welcome!

This month's newsletter announces the CMS release of the 2018 National Impact Assessment of Quality Measures Report. Every edition includes links to the CMS Blueprint (the version in use at the time of publication), as well as a calendar of upcoming events and opportunities.

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.

Meaningful Measurement in Action: CMS Announces Release of 2018 National Impact Assessment of Quality Measures Report

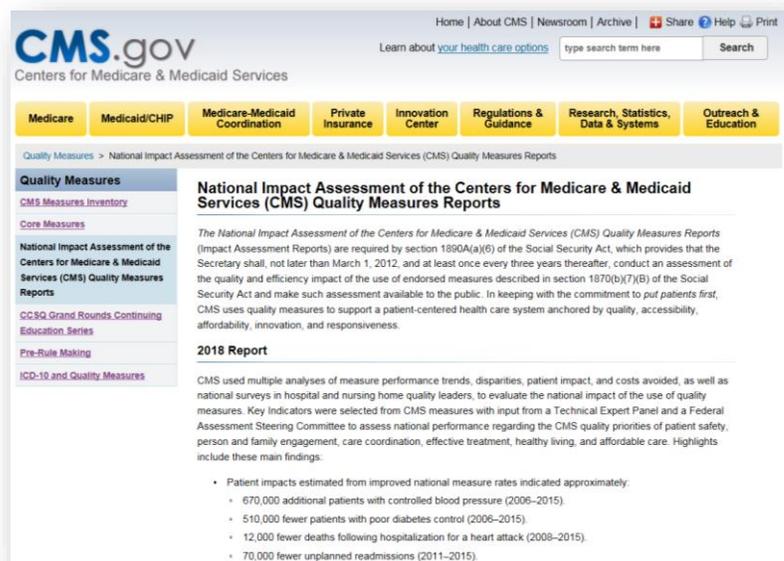
We are excited to announce the posting of the 2018 *National Impact Assessment of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Measures Report* at CMS.gov that provides valuable information to guide us in our commitment to *put patients first*. CMS conducts and publishes an assessment of the quality and efficiency impact of the use of endorsed measures in CMS programs every three years as required by statute. The first report was published March 1, 2012 and the 2018 *Impact Assessment Report* is the third such report. The data-driven results of this Report support the use of measures implemented in CMS reporting programs to drive improvement in the quality of care provided to patients in facilities and across settings nationwide. This report is used by the measure developer community, patients and families, clinicians, providers, federal partners, and researchers.

The 2018 Impact Assessment Report demonstrates that performance on CMS measures contributed to better care and reduced expenditures, and identified critical areas of improvement across settings with

respect to six CMS quality priorities: patient safety, person and family engagement, care coordination, effective treatment, healthy living, and affordable care. As we move ahead, the Report provides insight into how we can achieve our goals to employ high-performing, meaningful measures, reduce reporting burden, and empower patients and providers to make health care decisions while promoting innovative, ongoing quality improvement in health care nationwide.

The 2018 *Impact Assessment Report* and Appendices are now available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/National-Impact-Assessment-of-the-Centers-for-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Services-CMS-Quality-Measures-Reports.html>.

Would you like to download the Quality Measure Report? Visit the [CMS Quality Measures website](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/National-Impact-Assessment-of-the-Centers-for-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Services-CMS-Quality-Measures-Reports.html) to access it



Special Announcements:

Now Open! JIRA MUC Project 2018

JIRA is now open to collect candidate measures for the CMS 2018 Measures under Consideration (MUC) List. If you are an authorized user of the 2017 or prior years' JIRA web interface for the MUC List, you should have access to the new 2018 MUC Project.

New candidate measures for most CMS programs will be accepted until June 15, 2018. If you have a **quality** measure for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), the last day to submit your measure in JIRA is June 1, 2018.

For access to JIRA and the 2018 MUC Project, you must have an ONC JIRA account in place and then be granted permission to the Project. Visit the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking website](#) to locate the [Measures under Consideration User Guide](#) and [Quick Start Guide](#) for more information.

Email MMSSupport@battelle.org for more information.

2018 Pre-Rulemaking calendar

April 3, 2018	Kickoff teleconference/webinar
April 5 & 12, 2018	JIRA Open Forum teleconferences/webinars
April 10, 2018	2018 Program Measurement Needs and Priorities Session
June 1, 2018	JIRA closes for MIPS-Quality measure submissions
June 15, 2018	JIRA closes for all other programs
December 1, 2018	2018 MUC List published

Call for Nominations: Measure Applications Partnership

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for organizations and individual subject matter experts to serve on the [Measure Applications Partnership](#) (MAP). MAP is a public-private partnership convened by NQF to provide input to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the selection of performance measures for public reporting and performance-based payment programs. This unique collaboration fulfills a statutory requirement to convene multistakeholder groups to:

- Identify the best available performance measures for use in specific applications;
- Provide input to HHS on measures for use in public reporting, performance-based payment, and other programs;
- Encourage alignment of public-and private-sector performance measurement efforts; and
- Address performance measurement gaps.

NQF seeks a range of expertise on MAP to ensure that diverse stakeholder perspectives are represented across settings and populations. Organizations and individuals selected will serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. **Materials to Submit:** Nominations are sought for organizations and individual subject matter experts. Nominations for individual subject matter experts may be self-nominations or may be nominations submitted by a third party. Nominations for organizational members may be submitted by an individual associated with that organization. If selected as an organizational member, the organization's leadership will then designate a person to serve as their representative. Nomination materials should be submitted via the [NQF Committee Nominations](#) webpage. **Deadline for Submission:** All nominations MUST be submitted by **Friday, March 30 at 6:00 PM Eastern Time.**

Upcoming Events

All times shown are Eastern Time zone

- CMS QRDA Category I Implementation Guide Changes for CY 2018 for Hospital Quality Reporting webinar on March 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Addressing Common Issues in Quality Reporting webinar on March 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- PCHQR Program Refresher: Utilizing the Web-Based Data Collection Tool and PCH Report webinar on March 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- Improving the Patient Experience of Care webinar on March 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)
- Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Addressing Common Issues in Quality Reporting webinar on March 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM
 - Register for the event [here](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

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

Currently there are no open public comments. 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 \(TEP\)](#)

- MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measures – Call for Clinical Subcommittee
 - The nomination period for ten Clinical Subcommittees opened on February 6, 2018 and closes on March 20, 2018 at midnight ET

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

New to the Listserv?

New to the listserv or missed a month? Find all our announcements as well as printer-friendly versions of past newsletters [here](#).



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