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**NOTICE:** CMS is now accepting quality measure suggestions for consideration for possible inclusion in the proposed set of quality measures to be published in the 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule for the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).

For purposes of reporting data on quality measures for covered professional services furnished during 2009, the HHS Secretary is required to publish in the *Federal Register* a set of proposed measures no later than August 15, 2008. At this time, CMS intends to publish the proposed set of measures in the MPFS Proposed Rule for Calendar Year 2009. Individuals or organizations interested in suggesting measures for the agency's consideration for possible inclusion in the proposed set of measures should email measure suggestions to [pqritemp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:pqritemp@cms.hhs.gov) by 5:00pm EST March 24, 2008. Measure suggestions should contain the final measure title, measure description, date of expected development completion, and date of expected AQA Adoption or NQF Endorsement.

Please note that suggesting a measure does not guarantee that the measure will be included in the MPFS Proposed Rule, as CMS ultimately will determine the proposed set of quality measures. Similarly, even if CMS includes a suggested measure in the proposed set of measures that are published in the *Federal Register*, the measure will be subject to a period of public comment and a determination by the agency with regard to inclusion in the final set of quality measures.

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