

Physician Quality Reporting System 2012 Call for Measures Notice

Please send your measures to: PHYSICIAN_REPORTING_TEMP@cms.hhs.gov

Background

CMS is now accepting measures suggestions for consideration for possible inclusion in the proposed set of quality measures for use in the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System. Measures suggestions may include individual measures and measures groups [for example, suggestions for new measures groups and/or suggestions for the composition of existing measures group(s)]. Measure developers, eligible professionals, professionals associations, such as medical specialty societies, and other interested stakeholders are invited to participate.

In accordance with section 1848(k)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act), CMS is interested in measures that are endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) for use in the Physician Quality Reporting System.

- CMS is also particularly interested in suggestions for individual measures or measures groups that address the following measure topics for 2012: Measures that have a high impact on healthcare, such as those that support CMS and HHS priorities for improved quality and efficiency of care for Medicare beneficiaries and those that are included in or facilitate alignment with other Medicare, Medicaid and State Children Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) programs
- Measures that address gaps in the quality of care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries
- Measures that address gaps in the Physician Quality Reporting System quality measure set such as those that increase the scope of applicability of the Physician Quality Reporting System measures to services furnished to beneficiaries and expand opportunities for eligible professionals to participate
- Measures impacting chronic conditions (chronic kidney disease, diabetes mellitus, heart failure, hypertension and musculoskeletal)
- Measures involving care coordination
- Measures applicable across care settings (e.g., outpatient, nursing facilities, domiciliary, etc.)
- Outcome measures
- Measures conducive to leveraging capabilities of an electronic health record (EHR)
- Measures whose detailed specifications will be completed and ready for implementation in the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System
- Measures that reflect patient experience
- Broadly applicable measures that could be used to create a core measure set required of all participating eligible professionals
- Measures groups that reflect the services furnished to beneficiaries by a particular specialty

Suggesting individual measures or measures for a new or existing measures group does not guarantee that the measure(s) will be included in the proposed or final sets of measures of any Proposed or Final Rules that address the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System. CMS will determine which individual measures and measures group(s) to include in the proposed set of quality measures, and after a period of public comment, the agency will make the final determination with regard to the final set of quality measures for the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System.

Measure suggestions with incomplete information may not be considered for inclusion in the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System.

For purposes of reporting data on quality measures for covered professional services furnished during 2012, the HHS Secretary is required to ensure that eligible professionals have the opportunity to provide input on the selection of measures for the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System. CMS intends to publish the proposed set of measures for use in the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System incentive program in the *Federal Register*.

Instructions and Information for the Public

Individuals or organizations interested in suggesting measures for consideration for possible inclusion in the 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System should download the form “**Measures Submitted for Consideration in 2012 Physician Quality Reporting System**” found below in the “**Downloads**” section of this page.

Please submit the completed form and all additional information requested to:
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All suggestions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST December 17, 2010.

Thank you for helping CMS to improve the quality of care for all Americans.