

2015-2016 PRE-RULE MAKING TIMELINE			
APRIL 2015			
Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date/Time	Brief Meeting Description	Intended Audience(s)/CMS Staff Attendance
Measures Under Consideration Annual Kick-Off*	April 28, 2015 11-Noon ET	Topics include a live demonstration of JIRA enhancements and system changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All JIRA Users</li> <li>General Public</li> </ul>
JIRA Open Forum Discussion*	April 30, 2015 11-Noon ET	Topics include JIRA enhancements that were not covered during the April 28 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Meeting format was open-forum for questions and answers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All JIRA Users</li> <li>General Public</li> <li>The audience for this meeting is mainly JIRA users, but all Federal DHHS agencies, organizations contracted with these Federal agencies, and healthcare advocacy groups are welcome.</li> </ul>
MAY 2015			
Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date/Time	Brief Meeting Description	Intended Audience(s)/CMS Staff Attendance
JIRA Opens for Measure Submissions and Comments	May 1, 2015	The 2015 Measures under Consideration project opens in JIRA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All JIRA Users</li> </ul>
Program Measurement Needs and Priorities*	May 8, 2015 10-Noon ET	CMS to provide program specific measure needs and priorities for the 2015 pre-rule making cycle's Measures Under Consideration list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All JIRA Users</li> <li>General Public</li> <li>The audience is mainly intended for Federal DHHS agencies, organizations contracted with these Federal agencies, and healthcare advocacy groups are welcome.</li> </ul>
JIRA Open Forum Discussion*	May 12, 2015 11-Noon ET	Topics include JIRA enhancements that were not covered during the April 28 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> meetings. Meeting format was open-forum for questions and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All JIRA Users</li> <li>General Public</li> <li>The audience for this meeting is mainly JIRA users,</li> </ul>

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<b>JULY 2015</b>			
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<b>JIRA Closes for Measure Submissions and Comments</b>	July 1, 2015	The 2015 Measures under Consideration project closes for new measure submissions in JIRA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All JIRA Users</li> <li>• The audience is mainly intended for Federal DHHS agencies, organizations contracted with these Federal agencies, and healthcare advocacy groups are welcome.</li> </ul>
<b>JIRA Closes for Comments and Change Requests</b>	July 15, 2015	All pens-down, to begin clearance preparation for the Measures Under Consideration list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All JIRA Users</li> <li>• The audience is mainly intended for Federal DHHS agencies, organizations contracted with these Federal agencies, and healthcare advocacy groups are welcome.</li> </ul>
<b>Final Draft of the Measures Under Consideration List</b>	July 22, 2015	The list is prepared to present to DHHS agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal DHHS agencies <b>only</b></li> </ul>

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<b>AUGUST 2015</b>			
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<b>In-Person Federal Stakeholder Meeting Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244 Conference Room C-112</b>	August 4, 2015 9-Noon ET	Concludes CMS' gathering of proposed Measures under Consideration, which kicks-off the Federal DHHS agencies clearance review and approval process for the list of proposed measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>All Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Orientation (Webinar Meeting)</b>	August 12, 2015 Noon-2 pm ET	All MAP members (i.e., Coordinating Committee and workgroups) web meeting designed to provide an overview of the MAP process and introduce upcoming pre-rule making work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups</li> <li>NQF members</li> <li>General public</li> <li>All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b><u>optional</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Federal Only Liaison (Webinar Meeting)</b>	August 19, 2015 1-2 pm ET	To provide an overview of the roles/expectations for MAP Federal liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governmental Federal Liaison</li> <li>All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b><u>optional</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Measures Under Consideration List Enters DHHS Clearance</b>	August 24, 2015	The List enters clearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>			
<b>Meeting / Milestone Type</b>	<b>Meeting Date/Time</b>	<b>Brief Meeting Description</b>	<b>Intended Audience(s)/CMS Staff Attendance</b>
<b>Initial CMS Call- Clinician Workgroup (Phone Conference)</b>	September 2, 2015 1-2 pm ET	Discuss how MAP can be more effective this pre-rule making cycle in providing recommendations for the clinician programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQF staff</li> <li>CMS clinician measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Initial CMS Call – Hospital Workgroup (Phone Conference)</b>	September 9, 2015 1-2 pm ET	Discuss how MAP can be more effective this pre-rule making cycle in providing recommendations for the hospital programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQF staff</li> <li>CMS hospital measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Initial CMS Call - PAC/LTC Workgroup (Phone Conference)</b>	September 16, 2015	Discuss how MAP can be more effective this pre-rule making cycle in providing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQF staff</li> </ul>

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	1-2 pm ET	recommendations for the PAC/LTC programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS PAC/LTC measure/program lead/division director <b>requested</b></li> </ul>
<b>In-Person MAP Coordinating Committee 1-Day Meeting National Quality Forum (NQF) 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Conference Center</b>	September 18, 2015 9-5 pm ET	Discuss overarching themes as well as provide strategic guidance to the various workgroup deliberations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Coordinating Committee</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>			
<b>Meeting / Milestone Type</b>	<b>Meeting Date/Time</b>	<b>Brief Meeting Description</b>	<b>Intended Audience(s)/CMS Staff Attendance</b>
<b>MAP Clinician Workgroup (Webinar Meeting)</b>	October 8, 2015 11-1pm ET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an orientation of MAP's 2015 pre-rule making approach;</li> <li>• Review each program likely to be considered by the Clinician Workgroup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Clinician Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS clinician measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>
<b>MAP Hospital Workgroup (Webinar Meeting)</b>	October 13, 2015 12-2pm ET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an orientation of MAP's 2015 pre-rule making approach;</li> <li>• Review each program likely to be considered by the Hospital Workgroup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Hospital Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS hospital measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>
<b>MAP PAC/LTC Workgroup (Webinar Meeting)</b>	October 16, 2015 1-3pm ET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an orientation of MAP's 2015 pre-rule making approach;</li> <li>• Review each program likely to be considered by the PAC/LTC Workgroup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP PAC/LTC Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS PAC/LTC measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>

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<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>			
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<b>CMS Call: Pre-Meeting: PAC/LTC (Phone Conference)</b>	November 3, 2015 11am-12pm ET	Conference call with the PAC/LTC measure/program lead/division director to prepare for the in-person meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Staff</li> <li>• CMS PAC/LTC measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>CMS Call: Pre-Meeting: Clinician (Phone Conference)</b>	November 9, 2015 2-3pm ET	Conference call with the clinician measure/program lead/division director to prepare for the in-person meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQF Staff</li> <li>• CMS clinician measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>All MAP Outlining Voting/Consensus Process (Webinar Meeting)</b>	November 13, 2015 2-4pm ET	During this meeting, staff will focus on outlining the voting/consensus process and the application of the preliminary analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b><u>optional</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>CMS Call: Pre-Meeting: Hospital (Phone Conference)</b>	November 18, 2015 1-2 pm ET	Conference call with the hospital measure/program lead/division director to prepare for the in-person meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Staff</li> <li>• CMS hospital measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>

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DECEMBER 2015			
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #1		MUC List Released by December 1, 2015	
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In-Person Clinician Workgroup 2-Day Meeting National Quality Forum 1030 15 <sup>th</sup> Street NW 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Conference Center	December 9-10, 2015 9-5 pm ET	Review and provide input on measures under consideration for federal clinician measurement programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP PAC/LTC Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS PAC/LTC measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
In-Person PAC/LTC Workgroup 2-Day Meeting National Quality Forum 1030 15 <sup>th</sup> Street NW 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Conference Center	December 14-15, 2015 9-5 pm ET	Review and provide input on measures under consideration for federal PAC/LTC measurement programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Clinician Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS clinician measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
In-Person Hospital Workgroup 2-Day Meeting National Quality Forum 1030 15 <sup>th</sup> Street NW 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Conference Center	December 16-17, 2015 9-5 pm ET	Review and provide input on measures under consideration for federal hospital measurement programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Hospital Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• CMS hospital measure/program lead/division director <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #2		21-Day Public Comment Period	

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<b>JANUARY 2016</b>			
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<b>MAP Dual Eligibles Workgroup (Webinar Meeting)</b>	Week of January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an orientation of MAP's 2015 pre-rule making approach; and</li> <li>• Provide cross-cutting input to MAP Coordinating Committee regarding the applicability and appropriateness of measures for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Dual Eligibles</li> <li>• Workgroup</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>
<b>In-Person Coordinating Committee 2-Day Meeting National Quality Forum 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20005 Conference Center</b>	January 26-27, 2016 9-5 pm ET	Finalize recommendations on measures under consideration for federal measurement programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Coordinating Committee</li> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• All CMS measure/program lead/division director <b>optional</b></li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>			
<b>Final Measure-by-Measure Pre-rule Making Report</b>	By February 1, 2016		
<b>Final Hospital and PAC/LTC Programmatic Report</b>	By February 15, 2016		
<b>MARCH 2016</b>			
<b>Final Cross-Cutting and Clinician Programmatic Report</b>	By March 15, 2016		

**Additional Resources:**

- To stay informed, subscribe to receive relevant NQF project alerts by registering here: <http://nqf.informz.net/NQF/profile.asp?fid=2509>
- See all of NQF's up and coming activities (not just MAP-related work) by visiting the following website: <http://www.qualityforum.org/EventList.aspx>
- CMS' Pre-Rule Making website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/Pre-Rule-Making.html>
- CMS' Measures under Consideration Point of Contact: Michelle.Geppi@cms.hhs.gov