

2016-2017 PRE-RULE MAKING TIMELINE			
January 2016			
Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date / Time	Brief Meeting / Milestone Description	Intended Audience(s) / CMS Staff Attendance
2016 Measures Under Consideration Project Opens in JIRA	January 29, 2016	JIRA is open to accept candidate measure submissions. <i>Users may edit their own measure submissions from January 29 through May 1 in JIRA.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All JIRA Users • General Public
April 2016			
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Measures Under Consideration Annual Kick-Off*	April 5, 2016 at 11 – Noon ET	Topics include a live demonstration of JIRA enhancements and system changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All JIRA Users • General Public
JIRA Open Forum Discussion*	April 7, 2016 at 11 – Noon ET	Live demonstration of JIRA and open forum for questions and answers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All JIRA Users • General Public • 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.

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Program Measurement Needs and Priorities Session*	April 12 at 10 – Noon ET	CMS to provide program specific measure needs and priorities for the 2016 pre-rule making cycle’s Measures Under Consideration list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All JIRA Users • General Public • 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.
JIRA Open Forum Discussion*	April 14 at 11 – Noon ET	Live demonstration of JIRA and open forum for questions and answers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All JIRA Users • General Public • 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.

July 2016			
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2016 Measures Under Consideration JIRA Project Closes	July 15, 2016	The 2016 Measures under Consideration Project closes to begin CMS' clearance process preparation. No further candidate measure changes will be accepted by CMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All JIRA Users General Public 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.
Final 2016 Measures Under Consideration List Generated	July 22, 2016	The list is prepared to present to DHHS agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal DHHS agencies <u>only</u>
August 2016			
Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date / Time	Brief Meeting / Milestone Description	Intended Audience(s) / CMS Staff Attendance
In-Person Federal Stakeholder Meeting Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244 Conference Room C-112	August 4, 2016 at 1 - 4 PM 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"> Federal DHHS agencies <u>only</u>
Measures Under Consideration List enters DHHS Clearance	August 22, 2016	The List enters clearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal DHHS agencies <u>only</u>

September – November 2016

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Series of Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Meetings	TBD	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups • NQF members • General public • All CMS measure/program lead/division director <u>optional</u> or <u>requested</u>
Measures Under Consideration List exits DHHS Clearance	November 2016	The List is cleared by DHHS agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal DHHS agencies <u>only</u>

December 2016

Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date / Time	Brief Meeting / Milestone Description	Intended Audience(s) / CMS Staff Attendance
Measures Under Consideration List Published	Annually by December 1	After DHHS clearance, the List is published on NQF's and CMS' websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public
Measures Under Consideration List Comment Period #1	TBD - Between the date of publishing and for a limited time prior to the MAP Workgroup meeting series	NQF accepts and synthesizes public comments in order to conduct preliminary analysis of the measures list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQF members • General public • MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups
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Measures Under Consideration List Comment Period #2	TBD – Comments accepted between the conclusion of the final MAP workgroup meeting and prior to the Coordinating Committee meeting in January 2017	NQF accepts and synthesizes public comments in order to refine analysis of the measures list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NQF members • General public • MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups

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Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Coordinating Committee Meeting	TBD	Finalize recommendations regarding measures under consideration for federal measurement programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP Coordinating Committee • NQF members • General public • All CMS measure/program lead/division director optional
February – March 2017			
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Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Reports	TBD	NQF submits reports making final recommendations regarding the 2016 Measures Under Consideration List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public

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

* For training purposes the meeting was recorded and is available for viewing at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/Pre-Rule-Making.html>