

2016 JIRA ENHANCEMENTS

Global Improvements

- ◆ For the first time in pre-rule making history, JIRA will open in January through mid-July to accept candidate measure submissions. The January 2016 project opening extends users the ability to enter and edit measures for an extra 3 months. After mid-July and through January 2017, JIRA will close for new measure submissions to prepare for clearance and publishing of the Measures under Consideration List.
- ◆ From January through May 2nd, JIRA will enable editing capabilities for candidate measure submissions by the reporter/submitter. A new “finished editing” button was added to the Edit screen to facilitate the workflow for completed candidate measure records. This is a required field, so the value options are “yes” and “no.” In terms of reporting, the data field is searchable by the “yes” or “no” options. The reporter/submitter will have edit permissions for the respective candidate measure that they’ve created. During the official MUC season, May 2nd through July 15th, JIRA users will need to follow the guidelines in Chapter 3 of the Measures under Consideration User Guide 2016 to modify candidate measures.
- ◆ Subtask issue type was relabeled to “Child Measure” rather than “Component Approval,” to improve users’ ability to identify the type of measure submission being displayed.
- ◆ Revised references from 2015 to 2016.
- ◆ Revised the project summary on landing page.

Data Field Improvements

The row references below correlate to the JIRA submission template. JIRA field labels are not numbered.

- ◆ Row 3, CMS program field label added the following screen guidance: please note if a user selects programs MIPS or HIQR and if approved for the MUC List and rulemaking the measure has the potential to be “borrowed” for use in Hospital and Physician Compare. This language was added because Hospital and Physician Compare were removed from the list of program values to select.
- ◆ Rows 3 and 7, for consistency purposes, revised CMS program names to ensure the proper program names are reflected.
- ◆ All free form text fields are unlimited characters, except the measure description field (Row 10), which increased from 350 to 700 characters.

- ◆ Row 14, measure type field label, removed “patient engagement/experience” value.
- ◆ Rows 41 and 42, minor editorial modifications.
- ◆ Revised row 46, “Was this measure published ~~proposed~~ on a previous year’s Measures under Consideration List?” Updated the screen guidance to the following: “If **yes**, you are proposing the existing measure for expansion into additional CMS programs or the measure has substantially changed since originally published, then proceed to the following subset of data fields including (i.e., in what prior year(s) was this measure published?, what were the MUC IDs for the measure in each year?, why was the measure not recommended by the MAP workgroups in those years?, what were the programs that NQF MAP reviewed the measure for in each year?, list the NQF MAP workgroup(s) in each year, what was the NQF MAP decision each year?, and NQF MAP report page number being referenced for each year. If **no**, then skip these subset questions.”
- ◆ Revised row 47, “in what prior year(s) was this measure ~~proposed~~ published?”
- ◆ Revised row 49, “why was the measure ~~rejected~~ not recommended by the MAP workgroups in those year(s)?”
- ◆ Row 53: Added a placeholder for the 2016 MAP Recommendations (pre-rulemaking) report web link/URL, to be added to JIRA when available early in 2016.