

2017-2018 CMS PRE-RULE MAKING TIMELINE			
January 2017			
Meeting / Milestone Type	Meeting Date / Time	Brief Meeting / Milestone Description	Intended Audience(s) / CMS Staff Attendance
<b>2017 Measures Under Consideration Project Opens in JIRA</b>	January 31, 2017	JIRA is open to accept candidate measure submissions. <i>Users may edit their own measure submissions from January 31 through May 1 in JIRA.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All JIRA Users</li> <li>• General Public</li> </ul>
April 2017			
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<b>Measures Under Consideration Annual Kick-Off*</b>	April 4, 2017 from 10 – Noon ET	Pre-rulemaking overview. 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>
<b>JIRA Open Forum Discussions*</b>	April 6 & 13, 2017 from 11 – Noon ET	Live demonstration of JIRA and 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>

\* 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>

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<b>Program Measurement Needs and Priorities Session*</b>	April 11, 2017 from 10 – Noon ET	CMS to provide program specific measure needs and priorities for the 2017 pre-rulemaking cycle's Measures Under Consideration list.	<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>
June 2017			
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<b>2017 Measures Under Consideration JIRA Project Closes</b>	June 30, 2017	The 2017 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"> <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>
July 2017			
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<b>Final 2017 Measures Under Consideration List Generated</b>	July 21, 2017	The list is prepared to present to DHHS agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>

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August 2017			
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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 3, 2017 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"> <li>Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Measures Under Consideration List enters DHHS Clearance</b>	August 21, 2017	The List enters clearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>
September – November 2017			
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<b>Series of Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Meetings</b>	TBD	TBD	<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> or <b><u>requested</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Measures Under Consideration List exits DHHS Clearance</b>	By December 1, 2017	The List is cleared by DHHS agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal DHHS agencies <b><u>only</u></b></li> </ul>

December 2017			
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<b>Measures Under Consideration List Published</b>	Annually by December 1	After DHHS clearance, the List is published on NQF's and CMS' websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Public</li> </ul>
<b>Measures Under Consideration List Comment Period #1</b>	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"> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups</li> </ul>
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<b>Measures Under Consideration List Comment Period #2</b>	Comments accepted between the conclusion of the final MAP workgroup meeting and prior to the Coordinating Committee meeting in January 2018	NQF accepts and synthesizes public comments in order to refine analysis of the measures list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NQF members</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups</li> </ul>

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<b>Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Coordinating Committee Meeting</b>	TBD	Finalize recommendations regarding 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>
February – March 2018			
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<b>Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Reports Published</b>	TBD	NQF submits reports making final recommendations regarding the 2017 Measures Under Consideration List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Public</li> </ul>

Additional Resources:

- To stay informed, subscribe to receive relevant NQF project alerts by registering here: <http://ngf.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