

Pre-Rulemaking: Section 3014 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) (P.L. 111-148) requires that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) establish a federal pre-rulemaking process for the selection of quality and efficiency measures for use by HHS. This process occurs annually and results in the publication of the Measures under Consideration (MUC) List, which is a list of measures that can be proposed into various Medicare payment and performance programs.



Pre-Rulemaking Transition

The 2020 Measures under Consideration (MUC) submission period ends on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, for the current 2020 Pre-Rulemaking cycle. CMS is implementing a new submission process to accommodate the unique circumstances of the current Pre-Rulemaking cycle, and will not be using the customary ONC Jira platform, as explained below.

Revised Process for the 2020 Pre-Rulemaking Cycle

CMS requests that measure specifications and all supporting data files for 2020 be submitted by e-mail no later than June 30, 2020. Submitters should download and complete the [MUC template](#) available on the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking website](#) and submit the completed form to prerulemaking@battelle.org. The template includes instructions to assist you in providing the required information. Additional resources are available on the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking website](#). If complete test data are not available by June 30, or if new test data are collected after that date, submitters are asked to send that data to prerulemaking@battelle.org by no later than Friday, September 4, 2020. If you anticipate requiring the additional time allowance to submit new or revised test data after June 30, please send a request to prerulemaking@battelle.org, identifying the measure being referenced.

For further guidance on measure submission and information on measure monitoring activities for the 2020 review process, please see the Quick Start Guide on page 2 and the “I want to...” section on pages 3–4. For questions, please contact the Pre-Rulemaking support team by e-mailing prerulemaking@battelle.org.

Quick Start Guide

This Quick Start Guide is intended to supplement the instructions in the [MUC Template](#), available at the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking web site](#). If you are unable to download the template, please email prerulemaking@battelle.org and you will receive a template via email.

The customary ONC Jira platform will not be used for 2020 measure submissions. Instead, for each new measure, submitters are asked to download and complete the [MUC Template](#) available on the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking website](#).

How to Start

1. Download the MUC template from the [CMS Pre-Rulemaking web site](#).
2. Rename the MUC template to include a short, unique, text-format identifier for your measure, such as *EmDeptUsage* or *AlcoholScreen*.

Completing the MUC Template

1. Go through all the fields and complete them using the guidance provided within the template. Fields that are required are noted with an asterisk symbol (*).
2. Note that you will need to provide additional documents for eCQM measures and measures submitted to MIPS as directed in the template.
3. You are encouraged to complete as many of the optional fields as possible, which will help CMS and other stakeholders evaluate your candidate measure more fully and may save you time in responding to questions as your measure advances in the review workflow.
4. If you have questions while completing the template, contact prerulemaking@battelle.org.

Submitting your Candidate Measure

1. When you have completed filling in your template, you should email it and any other required files to prerulemaking@battelle.org no later than **June 30, 2020**.
2. If you have new or updated testing data to submit after June 30, 2020, you should email that to prerulemaking@battelle.org no later than September 4, 2020.

The purpose of the extended September 4 allowance is to enable measure developers to provide any new testing-related supporting data and to update any testing-dependent measure specifications for 2020 candidate measures that were submitted prior to June 30. If you anticipate requiring the additional time to submit new or revised test data after June 30, please send a request to prerulemaking@battelle.org, identifying the measure being referenced.

What happens with the 2020 measure information after it is submitted?

The Pre-rulemaking support team will

- Retain and store all information submitted for future reference
- Maintain an updated data file reflecting all authorized changes to data values for 2020
- Use a logging and tracking/storage system to capture all requests and actions related to any measures for 2020.

I want to...

Submit a Request to Change a Measure. Send an [email](#) with the subject line “Request to Change a Measure,” a full description of the requested change and the title of the measure. Please also include the contact information for everyone that should receive the follow up response.

Attach a Comment or File to a Measure. Send an [email](#) with the subject line “Attach a Comment/File to a Measure,” and provide the title of the measure along with the comment or file to be attached to the measure. Please include the contact information for everyone that should be included on the follow up response.

Respond to a Request for Additional Information for a Measure. You will receive the request via an email from either the Pre-rulemaking support team (prerulemaking@battelle.org) or from a CMS program representative. You should reply directly to that email, ensuring that prerulemaking@battelle.org is copied in all communication exchanges, and provide the information requested. Please be sure to include any additional recipients that should be involved in any necessary follow up.

Request Measure Data. Send an [email](#) with the subject line “Request Measure Data” and provide a full description of the requested data. Be sure to include the title of the measure. Please include the contact information for everyone that should receive a follow up response.

View Current Measure Status Per Program. Send an [email](#) with the subject line “Request Measure Status” and provide a full description of the status update you are requesting. Please include the measure title for the program(s) or measure(s) for which you are requesting a status update. Please include the contact information for everyone that should receive a follow up response.

All Other Requests or Questions. Send an [email](#) with the subject line “Question” and provide a full description of information needed. If the question is related to a particular measure(s), please include the measure title. Be sure to include all contact information for anyone who should be included as a recipient of follow up information.

For More Information

Contact prerulemaking@battelle.org for more information or if you have questions about submitting measure information in the 2020 Measures under Consideration List cycle. For more general questions about measures management and available resources, contact MMSsupport@battelle.org.