

MEASURES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

How to Learn About and Get More Involved in the Measure Lifecycle

CMS offers a variety of resources to help you learn more about clinical quality measurement. Whether you're a measure developer, someone whose work involves measures, or someone who just wants to learn more, here is a list of resources you can use to grow your knowledge, get involved in measure development, and stay connected.

New to Measures?

If you're new to measure development, the [New to Measures](#) section of the CMS Measures Management System (MMS) website is a great place to begin. There is a lot of information available about clinical quality measures; start with this resource to get a foothold on the topic.

Want specific information about the measure lifecycle?

MMS offers support to measure developers and other stakeholders to help them better understand, access, and collaborate in the measure development and maintenance process. Explore this series of documents and webinars that cover topics related to general measure development, each phase of the measure lifecycle, electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), and stakeholder engagement. See the [Resources](#) page for more information.

Foundational resources about clinical quality measures.

Some of the essential resources for the measure lifecycle, including how measures are developed, managed, and used to improve the healthcare system are:

- [Blueprint for the CMS Measures Management System \(v. 14.0\)](#): This comprehensive guide to the measure lifecycle processes includes detailed steps, forms, and examples.
 - The processes outlined help ensure measures address the evaluation criteria used by CMS and the National Quality Forum (NQF), including the importance to measure and report on the topic, scientific acceptability of measure properties, feasibility, usability and use, and harmonization.
 - While CMS measure development contractors must use the *Blueprint*, it is also a great resource for measure developers who aren't contracted with CMS but want to submit measures for consideration by CMS.
- [CMS Measures Inventory Tool \(CMIT\)](#): CMIT is a repository of information about the measures CMS uses to promote healthcare quality and quality improvement. CMS and its partners use CMIT to inform stakeholders, to manage its measure portfolio, and to guide measure development.
- [Meaningful Measures](#): The Meaningful Measures Framework shows how CMS's strategic goals connect to individual measures/initiatives. It explains how high-quality outcomes are achieved. The quality topics are concrete and show what's most vital to high-quality care and better patient outcomes.
- [Electronic Clinical Quality Improvement \(eCQI\) Resource Center](#): The eCQI Resource Center provides information and educational resources about eCQMs and other electronic clinical quality improvement activities. It also offers eligible hospitals/critical access hospitals and

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eligible professionals/clinicians the specifications of eCQMs adopted by CMS with supporting materials.

- [National Quality Forum \(NQF\)](#): NQF provides guidance to developers and stewards for the measure endorsement/maintenance review process. It convenes multi-stakeholder meetings to develop consensus for setting standards, endorsing measures, identifying and promoting quality improvement priorities, advancing electronic measurement, and providing information and tools for healthcare decision-makers).

Ways to Get Involved

There are numerous ways to contribute to measure development and be part of the nationwide effort to improve healthcare and patient outcomes:

- [Respond to a Call for Measures](#): Submit a proposal to develop a new measure needed for clinical quality improvement or for CMS to adopt a measure you have already developed.
- [Participate in a Technical Expert Panel \(TEP\)](#): TEPs are groups of diverse people that provide feedback during different phases of the measure lifecycle to help improve measures. This site provides general information about TEPs, including the listing of TEPs currently seeking participants.
 - For questions about a specific TEP, contact the TEP leader listed on the TEP description on the [Currently Accepting Nominations page](#).
- [Share your ideas through Public Comments](#): Public comments ensure transparency in the measure lifecycle process and give opportunities for a wide array of interested parties to provide input on measures. These comments can improve measures when they offer insights not previously considered during development, discussed by the TEP, or after implementation.

Stay Connected

- For general questions, email MMSsupport@battelle.org
- [CMS Resource Calendar](#): Keep track of upcoming deadlines and openings for participation in measure development
- Social Media: stay up to date with CMS' [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

Clinical quality measures work best when they're developed based on input from a large, diverse group of people, especially those who know and care about the area of healthcare being measured. Become part of the effort to make healthcare better through quality measurements by using these resources to learn more and get involved today.