



# Welcome to the PRMR Clinician Advisory Group Meeting





This meeting helps ensure PRMR Advisory Group (AG) feedback and expertise on the 2024 Measures Under Consideration (MUC) is brought to the Recommendation Group (RG).



Committee co-chairs are liaisons between the AG and RG; they will bring your comments and questions to the PRMR Clinician RG meeting on January 21-22, 2025.



Please note, public comment is not collected during this meeting. We invite written public comments on our final recommendations from February 3-17, 2025.



### Clinician Advisory Group Meeting Agenda





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1:00 PM	Welcome and introduction
1:05 PM	Roll call, disclosures of interest, and co-chair introductions
1:15 PM	PRMR process overview
1:20 PM	Advisory Group measure discussion process overview
1:25 PM	PRMR measure evaluation
1:35 PM	Measure discussion
2:55 PM	Next steps
3:00 PM	Adjourn

\* All times listed in ET



# Housekeeping Reminders (pt. 1)





We are pleased to have you join us and want to create a meaningful exchange.



To participate in the discourse, type in the chat or raise your hand.



Battelle staff will serve as virtual moderators. Please unmute yourself when called on.



# Housekeeping Reminders (pt. 2)





Please lower your hand and mute yourself following your question/comment.



Please state your first and last name if you are a call-in user.



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### **Community Guidance**



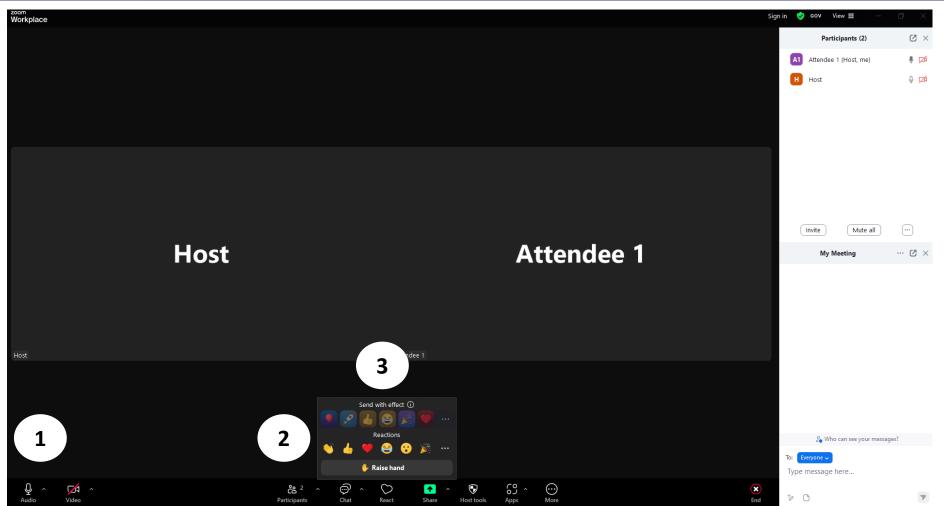


- Respect all voices.
- Remain engaged and actively participate.
- Keep your comments concise and focused.
- Be respectful and allow others to contribute.
- Share your experiences.
- · Learn from others.



### Using the Zoom Platform



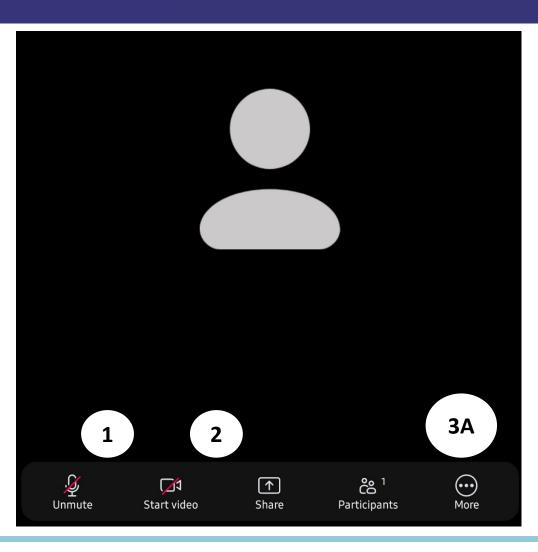


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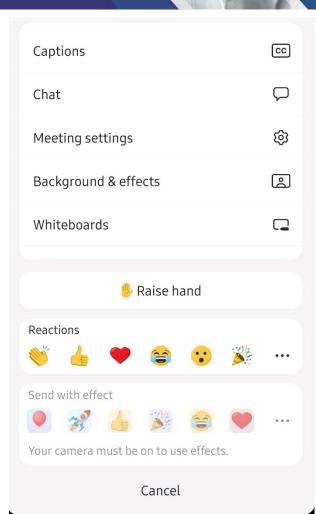




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#### Acronyms



- AG: Advisory Group
- CMS: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- MUC: Measures Under Consideration
- PA: Preliminary Assessment
- PAC/LTC: Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care
- PIE: Pre-Meeting Initial Evaluation
- PRMR: Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review
- PQM: Partnership for Quality Measurement
- RG: Recommendation Group



## Roll Call and Disclosures of Interest

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### Disclosures of Interest (DOIs)





- Prior to the meeting, committee members were asked to complete a "measure-specific DOI" form for each measure, or batch of measures, assigned to the committee.
- During Advisory Group and Recommendation Group meetings, committee members verbally disclose relevant interests.
- Perceived or actual conflicts of interest do not prevent Advisory
   Group members from discussing measure.



### Roll Call and Disclosures of Interest Clinician Advisory Group Members



#### RG Co-chairs: Mary Baliker and David Seidenwurm

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Ashraf Harahsheh Lori Pearlmutter Jennifer Woodward



## PRMR Clinician Co-Chair Introductions

Mary Baliker

Dr. David Seidenwurm





#### PRMR Process

Dr. Meridith Eastman | Battelle





#### PRMR Cycle



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) annually publishes a list of measures under consideration (MUC) for future rulemaking by December 1.





PRMR committees assess whether a measure is appropriate for use in a specific CMS program and for a population of Medicare beneficiaries.

The PRMR process results in consensus-based recommendations about MUCs for CMS programs.



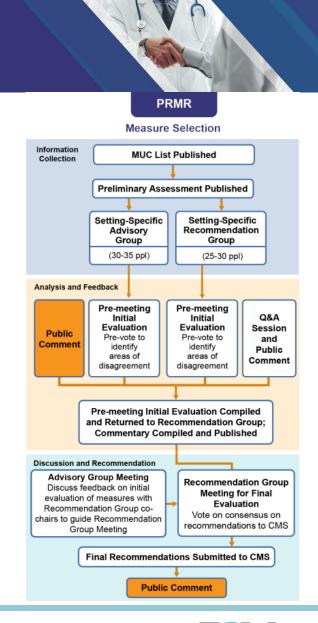


#### **PRMR Process**

The PRMR process builds consensus regarding MUC List measures as to whether they are appropriate for consideration for CMS quality reporting programs and value-based programs.

Three major phases:

- 1. Information collection
- 2. Analysis and feedback
- 3. Discussion and recommendation



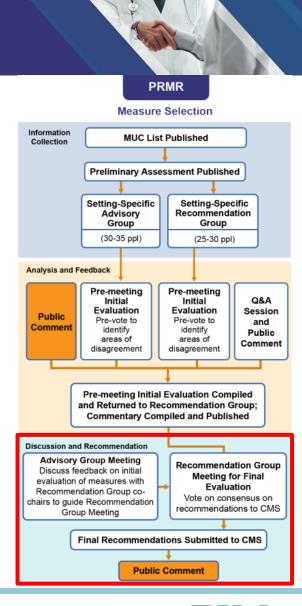


## PRMR Process: Discussion and Recommendation (pt. 1)

#### AG Discussion Session\*

- Prior to the RG meetings, AG members convene to discuss their feedback from the Pre-Meeting Initial Evaluation (PIE) Forms and help generate discussion questions for the RG meeting.
- The AG feedback is critical guidance for the RG discussion.
- RG co-chairs facilitate the session, and relevant Battelle staff attend.
- The co-chairs ensure that the AG perspective is represented throughout the RG meetings.

\*Battelle reserves AG meeting discussions for AG members and RG co-chairs. Others can opt to attend AG meetings as members of the public in listen-only mode.





# Advisory Group Meeting Process





### Advisory Group Meeting Measure Discussion Process





1. Battelle introduces each measure.

Battelle highlights key details about the measure, such as its description, type, endorsement status, and current program use.





Recommendation Group co-chairs facilitate Advisory Group member discussions, encouraging them to ask questions and share their thoughts on each measure.



AG input will inform discussion topics at the RG meeting.

Battelle assists co-chairs by recording Advisory Group questions and considerations for discussion at the Recommendation Group meeting.



#### PRMR Measure Evaluation

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## PRMR Assertions (pt. 1)



#### Meaningfulness: Concept of Interest

- When evaluating meaningfulness of the concept of interest, committees should evaluate whether the measure provides:
  - ✓ Evidence that the measure focus is associated with a material outcome for persons and entities (Importance)
  - ✓ Measure components and specifications that align with the intent of the measure focus and target population (Conformance)
  - ✓ Demonstration that the tools, process, and people necessary to implement and report on the measure are reasonably available (Feasibility)



## PRMR Assertions (pt. 2)



#### **Meaningfulness: Context of Use**

- When thinking about how meaningful a measure is, committees should evaluate if the submission:
  - ✓ Explains why using this measure in the quality program will bring more benefits than costs (Importance)
  - ✓ Shows with data or reasoning that there are effective methods for improvement (Validity)
  - ✓ Provides data showing that most differences in performance are due to those effective methods (Reliability)
  - ✓ Identifies and addresses any obstacles or supports that might affect how the methods can be used (Usability)



## MUC2023-219 Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Standardized Infection Ratio Stratified for Oncology Locations PRMR Assertion Example



#### Evidence of Measure Meaningfulness

- The 2023 Hospital PRMR Recommendation Group considered the addition of this measure to the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR) Program
  - The committee reviewed clinical guidelines and cited literature supporting measure relevance to the HIQR program population. (Importance-Concept of Interest & Context of Use)
  - The committee considered this measure against the existing CLABSI measure used in acute care units, specifically focusing on the practical implications of expanding use into oncology units. (Feasibility-Concept of Interest, Usability-Context of Use)
  - An oncologist committee member raised the issue of unintended consequences related to blood culture orders being cancelled or not ordered to avoid raising the CLABSI rate. (Usability-Context of Use)
  - Committee members suggested the measure account for dialysis patients with catheters in stratification, and to evaluate different types of oncology units, e.g., hematology-oncology vs. solid organ. (Validity-Context of Use)
  - Committee members commented on low reliability of the measure for some entities and requested clarification from the steward on potential causes. (Reliability-Context of Use)



## PRMR Assertions (pt. 3)



#### **Appropriateness of scale:**

- Is the measure appropriate and tailored to the specific goals of the program and its target population?
  - ✓ To evaluate this, we look at the evidence regarding how benefits and risks or harms are spread among different groups. We also need to consider how those risks or harms can be reduced.





## MUC2023-219 Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Standardized Infection Ratio Stratified for Oncology Locations PRMR Assertion Example



#### Evidence of Measure Appropriateness of Scale

- The 2023 Hospital PRMR Recommendation Group considered the addition of this measure to HIQR
  - One committee member expressed concerns about the reporting period being too short for smaller or rural facilities with lower volumes to report the measure and asked whether the reporting period could be expanded.
  - The committee discussed potential implications of this reporting period on overall measure performance across different types of oncology sites.





### PRMR Assertions (pt.4)



#### Time-to-value realization:

- Does the measure include a plan for achieving positive effects in the short and long term?
  - ✓ Time-to-value realization is based on the idea that measuring something over time can lead to long-term benefits or harms as the measure matures.
  - ✓ To assess this, committees should look at how the benefits and harms might change over time. They should consider how to extend the benefits and prevent potential harms as the measure matures.





## MUC2023-219 Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Standardized Infection Ratio Stratified for Oncology Locations PRMR Assertion Example



#### Evidence of Measure Time-to-Value Realization

- The 2023 Hospital PRMR Recommendation Group considered the addition of this measure to HIQR
  - The committee considered barriers to initial roll-out of this measure across the program, discussing implementation facilitators and barriers in rural and urban sites.
  - The committee discussed how short-term implementation barriers could impact performance and measure benefit for facilities with lower patient volumes.





### **Preliminary Assessments**



Battelle provided committee members with measure-specific preliminary assessments (PAs)

#### PAs included:



Descriptive information about measure specification, endorsement, and use



CMS-provided rationale for measure inclusion in the CMS program



Summary of performance on PRMR criteria



Considerations for statutorily required measure topic areas



Reliability and validity testing results and analysis





Clinician Measures Under Consideration for the Part C Star Ratings Program



- MUC2024-052 Social Need Screening and Intervention
- MUC2024-081 Adult Immunization Status (AIS-E)
- MUC2024-088 Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF)





### MUC2024-052 Social Need Screening and Intervention



Item	Description
Considered For	Part C Star Ratings
Measure Description	The percentage of persons who were screened, using prespecified instruments, at least once during the measurement period for unmet food, housing, and transportation needs, and received a corresponding intervention within 30 days if the screening was positive.
Developer/Steward	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
Process

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Health Plan



## MUC2024-081 Adult Immunization Status (AIS-E)



Item	Description
Considered For	Part C Star Ratings
Measure Description	The percentage of Medicare Advantage plan members 19 years of age or older who are up to date on recommended routine vaccines for influenza, tetanus, and diphtheria (Td) or tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), zoster and pneumococcal.
Developer/Steward	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
Measure Background	Measure currently used in a Medicare program and is being submitted without substantive changes for a new or different program

Measure Type
Process

Endorsement Status

Endorsed

Current Program Use

MIPS-Quality;
Marketplace

Level of Analysis

Health Plan



## MUC2024-088 Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF)



Item	Description
Considered For	Part C Star Ratings
Measure Description	The percentage of Medicare Advantage plan members 12 years of age and older who were screened for clinical depression using a standardized instrument and, if screened positive, received follow-up care within 30 days.
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Background	Measure currently used in a Medicare program and is being submitted without substantive changes for a new or different program

Measure Type	
Process	

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

ESRD QIP; MSSP; MIPS—Quality; Medicare Adult Core Set Level of Analysis

Health Plan





Clinician Measures Under Consideration for MIPS (Quality)





- MUC2024-026 Person-Centered Outcome Measures:
   Goal-Identification, Follow-Up, and Goal Achievement
- MUC2024-082 Cancer Screening and Counseling Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Measure (PRO-PM)
- MUC2024-080 Patient Reported Falls and Plan of Care
- MUC2024-084 Quality of Life Outcome for Patients with Neurologic Conditions





#### MUC2024-026 Person-Centered Outcome Measures: Goal-Identification, Follow-Up, and Goal Achievement

Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	The percentage of individuals 18 years of age and older with a complex care need who identified and documented person-centered goal and action plan, followed up with the identified goal, and achieved the identified goal.
Developer/Steward	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type

PRO-PM or Patient
Experience of Care

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure



#### MUC2024-082 Cancer Screening and Counseling Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Measure (PRO-PM)

Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	A PRO-PM to assess the quality of clinician counseling for patients eligible for select cancer screenings. The PRO-PM focuses on incentivizing high-quality counseling services to reduce disparities in screenings for four cancer types: 1) breast, 2) cervical, 3) colorectal, and 4) lung cancer. The PRO-PM requires use of a novel PRO survey instrument to collect the outcome data from patients while minimizing the burden of data collection on providers and patients and optimizing response rates.
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
PRO-PM or Patient Experience of Care

Endorsement Status	
Not Endorsed	







### MUC2024-080 Patient Reported Falls and Plan of Care



Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	Percentage of patients (or caregivers as appropriate) with an active diagnosis of a movement disorder, multiple sclerosis, a neuromuscular disorder, dementia, or stroke who reported a fall occurred and those that fell had a plan of care for falls documented at every visit.
Developer/Steward	American Academy of Neurology
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
Process

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Individual



### MUC2024-084 Quality of Life Outcome for Patients with Neurologic Conditions



Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	Percentage of patients whose quality of life assessment results are maintained or improved during the measurement period.
Developer/Steward	American Academy of Neurology
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
PRO-PM or Patient Experience of Care

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Individual



- MUC2024-051 Prevalent Standardized Waitlist Ratio (PSWR)
- MUC2024-072 Addressing Social Needs Assessment
   & Intervention
- MUC2024-025 Diagnostic Delay of Venous Thromboembolism (DOVE) in Primary Care
- MUC2024-028 Screening for Abnormal Glucose
   Metabolism in Patients at Risk of Developing Diabetes
- MUC2024-031 Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Sustained Virological Response (SVR)
- MUC2024-079 Assessment of Autonomic Dysfunction and Follow-Up





### MUC2024-051 Prevalent Standardized Waitlist Ratio (PSWR)



Item	Description
<b>Considered For</b>	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	The PSWR measure tracks the number of prevalent dialysis patients in a practitioner (inclusive of physicians and advanced practice providers) group who are under the age of 75 and were listed on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waitlist or received a living donor transplant. For each practitioner group, the PSWR is calculated to compare the observed number of waitlist events in a practitioner group to its expected number of waitlist events.
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Background	Submitted previously but not included in MUC List

Measure Type
Outcome

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Group



#### MUC2024-072 Addressing Social Needs Assessment & Intervention



Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	Percentages of patients with a qualifying evaluation and management outpatient visit during the performance period of all ages reflecting whether patients were assessed in four domains of social need: food, housing, transportation, and utilities, and whether the patient received a qualifying follow-up action within the visit for any positive social needs. Qualifying follow-up actions were identified from Gravity Project: adjustment, assistance/assisting, coordination, counseling, education, evaluation of eligibility, provision, and referral.
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
Process

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure



### MUC2024-025 Diagnostic Delay of Venous Thromboembolism (DOVE) in Primary Care



Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	The DOVE eCQM assesses the rate of delayed diagnosis of VTE in adults aged 18 years and older in the primary care setting. Delayed diagnosis is defined as diagnosis of a lower limb VTE that occurs >24 hours following the index primary care visit where symptoms for the VTE were first present (within 30 days). The target population for this measure is all patients, 18 years and older, across all payers.
Developer/Steward	Brigham and Women's Hospital
Measure Background	Submitted previously but not included in MUC List

Measure Type	
Intermediate Outcome	

Endorsement Status

Endorsed

New Measure



#### MUC2024-028 Screening for Abnormal Glucose Metabolism in Patients at Risk of Developing Diabetes

Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	Percentage of adult patients with risk factors for type 2 diabetes who are due for glycemic screening for whom the screening process was initiated during the measurement period.
Developer/Steward	American Medical Association
Measure Background	Submitted previously but not included in MUC List

Measure Type	
Process	

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Individual and
Group



### MUC2024-031 Hepatitis C Virus (HCV): Sustained Virological Response (SVR)



Item	Description	
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality	
Measure Description	Percentage of patients aged greater than or equal to 18 years with active hepatitis C (HCV) with negative/undetectable HCV ribonucleic acid (RNA) at least 20 weeks to 12 months after positive/detectable HCV RNA test result.	
Developer/Steward	American Gastroenterological Association	
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program	

Measure Type	
Outcome	

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

Current Program Use

New Measure



### MUC2024-079 Assessment of Autonomic Dysfunction and Follow-Up



Item	Description
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System–Quality
Measure Description	Percentage of patients with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease (or caregivers as appropriate) who were assessed for symptoms of autonomic dysfunction in the past 12 months, and if autonomic dysfunction was identified, patient had appropriate follow-up.
Developer/Steward	American Academy of Neurology
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type
Process

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

New Measure

Level of Analysis

Clinician: Individual





Clinician Measures Under Consideration for the MIPS (Cost)





- MUC2024-049 Breast Cancer Screening
- MUC2024-100 Non-Pressure Ulcers
- MUC2024-101 Parkinson's Syndromes, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)





#### **MUC2024-049 Breast Cancer Screening**



Item	Description	
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System – Cost	
Measure Description	The Breast Cancer Screening episode-based cost measure evaluates a clinician's or clinician group's average risk-adjusted cost to Medicare for providing care to females 40 years of age or older, who received a screening mammogram during an episode of care. This measure would assess the costs of certain assigned services clinically related to breast cancer screening, including basic and advanced diagnostic services and cancer treatment services.	
Developer/Steward	Acumen, LLC	
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program	

Measure Type

Cost/Resource Use

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

**Current Program Use** 

**New Measure** 

**Level of Analysis** 



#### **MUC2024-100 Non-Pressure Ulcers**



Item	Description	
Considered For	Merit-based Incentive Payment System-Cost	
Measure Description	The Non-Pressure Ulcers episode-based cost measure evaluates a clinician's or clinician group's risk-adjusted and specialty-adjusted cost to Medicare for patients who receive medical care to manage and treat non-pressure ulcers. This chronic condition measure includes Medicare Parts A, B, and D costs for services that are clinically related to managing and treating non-pressure ulcers.	
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program	

Measure Type

Cost/Resource Use

**Endorsement Status** 

Not Endorsed

**Current Program Use** 

**New Measure** 

**Level of Analysis** 



## MUC2024-101 Parkinson's Syndromes, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)



Item	Description
<b>Considered For</b>	Merit-based Incentive Payment System-Cost
Measure Description	The Parkinson's Syndromes, MS, and ALS episode-based cost measure evaluates a clinician's or clinician group's risk-adjusted and specialty-adjusted cost to Medicare for patients who receive medical care to manage and treat Parkinson's and related conditions, MS, or ALS. This chronic condition measure includes the Medicare Parts A, B, and D costs for services that are clinically related to managing and treating Parkinson's Syndromes, MS, or ALS episode.
Developer/Steward	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Measure Background	New measure; never reviewed by Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Workgroup or Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) or used in a Medicare program

Measure Type

Cost/Resource Use

Endorsement Status

Not Endorsed

New Measure

Level of Analysis



#### Next Steps

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#### **Upcoming Clinician Events**



Event	Dates
Clinician Advisory Group Meeting (TODAY'S MEETING)	<b>1/7/2025</b> 1:00-3:00 PM ET
Clinician Recommendation Group Virtual Meeting	<b>1/21/2025</b> 10:00 AM-4:30 PM ET <b>1/22/2025</b> 10:00 AM-3:15 PM ET
Final Recommendations Published to PQM Website	2/3/2025
Public Comment on Final Recommendations	2/3/2025-2/17/2025



#### Clinician Recommendation Group Meeting



- Questions and considerations raised to the co-chairs in this meeting will guide discussion topics at the PRMR Clinician Recommendation Group meeting on January 21-22, 2025.
  - Members of the Clinician Advisory Group and the public are invited to observe the Clinician Recommendation Group meeting virtually by directing their browser to the <u>Zoom webinar event link</u>.





#### **Questions or Comments?**

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