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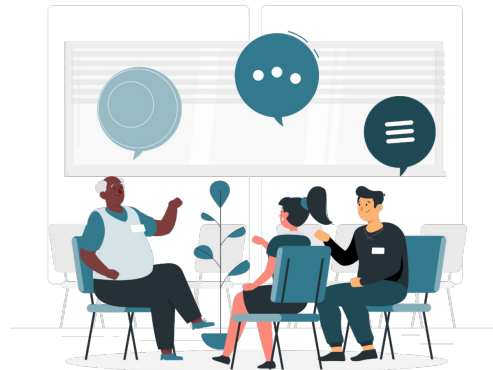
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Committee Roster Appointments

The Partnership for Quality Measurement (PQM) relies on its diverse membership to ensure all voices and perspectives are represented and considered throughout the measure review process. Thank you again to everyone who submitted nomination applications for our E&M, PRMPR, and MSR committees.

This year, we received over 250 applications to fill positions across 12 different roster categories; such as patients, clinicians, rural health, and health equity—just to name a few. Committee roster appointments are created from these nomination applications received from May to June.

Before the committee rosters are finalized, a draft of the committee rosters is shared during a public comment opportunity, which was in July. Changes are made based on these comments and reflected in the final committee rosters.

Therefore, we would like to thank everyone who submitted comments. Your feedback was greatly appreciated!

If you were not appointed to a committee this year, we strongly encourage you to please continue to share your perspectives through future written and live public comment opportunities, such as listening

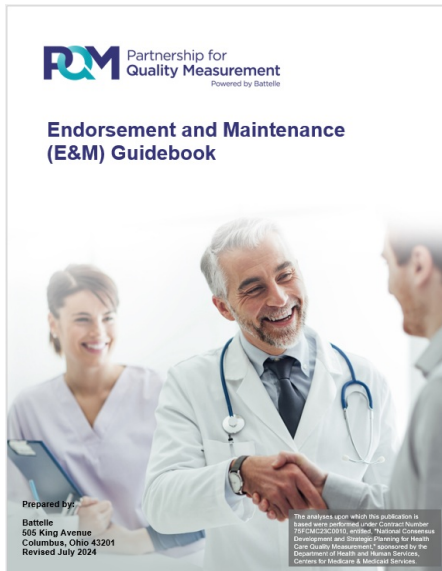
sessions. We value input from a diverse array of voices.

The final rosters will be published on the [PQM website](#) by **August 21**.

Due to the cadence of the PQM work, the [Final MSR Recommendation Group Roster](#) is now available.

We Appreciate Your Continued Support!

Updated Guidebooks Now Available



E&M Guidebook

This version of the [E&M Guidebook](#) incorporated changes from the [public comment opportunity](#) in June 2024.

All policy and procedure changes will be applied to the **Fall 2024 cycle**, **EXCEPT** for any changes to the current [PQM Measure Evaluation Rubric](#), which will take effect **Spring 2025 cycle**.



Guidebook for Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR

This version of the [Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review \(PRMR\) and Measure Set Review \(MSR\)](#) is based on changes from the [public comment opportunity](#) in June 2024.

Thank you for everyone's feedback on the Guidebooks!

PQM Member Highlight Requests

Do you have any news or accomplishments that you would like to share with us?

If so, we would love to feature you in our monthly newsletter.

Please email PQMsupport@battelle.org with "PQM Member Highlight" in the

E&M Updates

Spring 2024 Cycle Meeting Summaries

As part of our 6-month measure endorsement and maintenance review process, we have held 13 virtual meetings that brought together 127 E&M committee members, measure developers/stewards, and members from the public. Thank you to everyone who participated and made these meetings a success.

Meeting summaries will be posted on the [PQM website](#) by **August 30**, which will open an appeals period set to close on **September 20**.

Upcoming Fall 2024 Cycle Meetings

The Fall 2024 cycle will begin **October 1**. View the [PQM event calendar](#) for future Fall 2024 cycle meeting dates.

E&M Educational Webinar Recording Available

We hosted a virtual "**Enhancements to the Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) Guidebook and Processes**" educational webinar on **July 12**. During this webinar we reviewed:

- Recent changes to the [E&M Guidebook](#)
- Comments received during the June public comment period and our responses.

If you were unable to attend the live webinar or interested in learning more, please view the [educational webinar recording](#).

E&M Committee Member Orientation

We will host a virtual **E&M Committee Member Orientation** on **September 18** from **1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (ET)**.

This is an opportunity for E&M committee members to gain insight into what to expect from the upcoming cycle and learn more about the E&M process.

More information can be found on the [E&M Committee Member Orientation](#) event page.

E&M Committee members, please be sure to [register](#) for the orientation by **September 4**.

Measure Developer Workshop September 23

On **September 23**, we will host a full-day virtual [What Good Looks Like: A Comprehensive Guide to Successful Endorsement](#) measure developer workshop.

This is an opportunity for measure developers and stewards to learn about high-quality measure submissions for measure

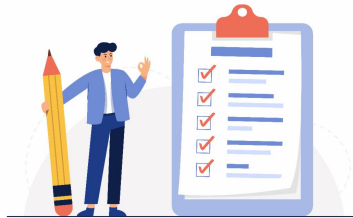
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endorsement by a consensus-based entity.

Participants will gain insights into the key components of measure endorsement, learn about common pitfalls and challenges, and understand how to navigate the endorsement process effectively. Workshop materials and details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please [register](#) for this comprehensive workshop by **September 9**.

PRMR/MSR Updates



MSR Preliminary Assessments Public Comment Opportunity August 12

The MSR Preliminary Assessments (PAs) of measures undergoing review for continued use in CMS quality programs will be available for public comment

August 12 – September 11 on the [PQM website](#).

PAs are developed by referencing several sources including information in the CMS Measures Under Consideration (MUC) Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT) and the PQM Submission and Repository (STAR) measure database as well as discussions with measure developers and stewards.

For more information about this process, please view the [Guidebook of Policies and Procedures for PRMR and MSR](#).

MSR Recommendation Group Committee Member Education Meeting

MSR Recommendation Group Committee members, please remember to attend the upcoming **MSR Committee Member Education Meeting** will take place on **August 12 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (ET)**.

We will conduct a comprehensive review of the MSR process, provide detailed guidance on how to conduct measure reviews, and ensure that committee members are well-equipped with the necessary information to navigate this process.

Upcoming MSR Recommendation Group Meeting

Save the date for the two-day virtual MSR Recommendation Group meeting, **September 30 – October 1**.

During this meeting, the MSR Recommendation Group will discuss and develop recommendations to CMS on measure for continued use in CMS quality programs.

The public is invited to attend and observe this meeting. Public input is also welcomed on the PAs, which will shape the Recommendation Group discussion.

Further details, such as time and materials, will be shared closer to the event dates.

CQMC Updates

About CQMC

The CQMC is a broad-based coalition of health care leaders working to facilitate cross-payer measure alignment through the development of core sets of measures to assess the quality of health care in the United States.

The CQMC core measure sets (core sets) are intended for use in value-based payment programs and may also be used to drive improvement in high-priority areas.

The core sets can be used in their entirety to holistically assess quality or can serve as a starting point when selecting measures to meet specific goals.

CQMC core sets are developed and maintained using a multistakeholder, consensus-based process and established [measure selection principles](#).

Want to learn more? Please view the [CQMC](#) page.



Meeting Summary

Core Quality Measures Collaborative Gastroenterology Workgroup Meeting

View the Gastroenterology Workgroup Meeting Summary

On **June 25**, we hosted a Gastroenterology Work Group meeting.

In this meeting, the workgroup discussed the potential measure additions and continued use of a measure under the **Gastroenterology** core set.

The workgroup considered nine measures as additions and three measures were reviewed for continued use under this core set. To accept the proposed change, voting will take place.

To learn more details about the workgroup meeting, please view the [Gastroenterology Workgroup Meeting Summary](#)

Full Collaborative Meeting Update

The Full Collaborative Meeting met on **July 17**. Attendees reviewed the proposed updates to the [HIV/Hepatitis C](#) and [Orthopedics](#) core sets.

This meeting was *closed* to the public.

The Full Collaborative Meeting Minutes will be available on the [CQMC resources page](#) in the coming weeks.

Proposed Core Set Review Schedule

The CQMC reviews core measure sets annually to ensure they reflect the best available measures. The workgroups alternate every other year between full and light maintenance review.

Full Maintenance: The CQMC reviews potential new measures to address high-priority areas.

Light Maintenance: Workgroups also review measures in the existing sets and remove measures, if necessary.

View the [2024 Proposed Core Set Review Schedule](#).

About PQM

Who We Are

Battelle is a [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) certified consensus-based entity. Battelle's PQM uses a consensus-based process involving a variety of experts to ensure informed and thoughtful endorsement reviews of qualified measures.

Our Purpose

Staffed by experts in health care quality improvement, and directed by interested parties across the field of health care, PQM has a vision that the quality measure endorsement process should be reliable, transparent, attainable, equitable, and most of all, meaningful.

For more information, please visit the [PQM website](#).

Grow Your Network

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