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## Submit Member Accomplishments

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](mailto:PQMsupport@battelle.org) with "PQM Member Highlight" in the subject line so we can celebrate your accomplishments.

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**Annual Report to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services**

FINAL REPORT  
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## Health and Human Service (HHS) Secretary's Comments on the 2023 Annual Report

Battelle, in its role as a consensus-based entity (CBE), proudly announces the publication of its [2023 Annual Report](#) to Congress and the Secretary of HHS. This report outlines the significant strides made by Battelle and [PQM](#) to advance health care quality measurement and improvement.

View the [Secretarial Review of the 2023 Annual Report](#) on the Federal Register.

## Attend Reliability & Validity Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Webinar on October 23

Are you overwhelmed by the technical jargon surrounding reliability and validity in clinical quality measures? Do you struggle to translate complex research findings into practical applications for improving patient care?

Join Battelle's Jeff Geppert and Matthew Pickering on **October 23 at 2 p.m. (ET)** for the [CMS](#) Information Session, "[From Research to Reality: Translating Reliability and Validity Findings into Actionable Insights](#)."

During this webinar, they will cover core concepts of reliability and validity and provide you with tools to interpret and apply quality measure findings effectively.

Interested? Please [register](#) to attend.

## E&M Updates

## Spring 2024 Cycle Technical Reports Coming Soon

As part of our 6-month measure endorsement and maintenance review process, we held 11 virtual meetings that brought together 127 E&M committee members, measure developers/stewards, and members of the public.

Technical reports detailing the **Spring 2024** measure endorsement decisions and committee discussion for each of the five E&M projects will be published to the [PQM website](#) in **November**.

## No Spring 2024 Cycle Appeals Received

We did not receive any appeals for the **Spring 2024** cycle.

As a result, the September 30 Appeals Committee meeting was cancelled.

Learn more on the [PQM website](#).



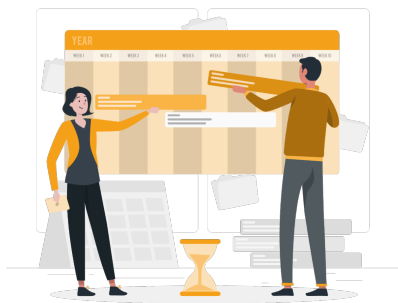
**Submit FMS  
Forms by 11:59  
p.m. (ET)  
November 1**

## Now Accepting Fall 2024 Cycle Full Measure Submissions (FMS)

Measure developers and stewards who submitted an ITS form for the **Fall 2024** cycle are invited to now submit their [Full Measure Submission \(FMS\)](#) form to Battelle by **11:59 p.m. (ET) On November 1**.

The FMS form is developers and stewards an opportunity to provide the full details about their measure.

Visit the [measure submission page](#) for more details.



## Fall 2024 Cycle Virtual Meetings

**E&M Public Comment Listening  
Session:** November 21, 2024

**E&M Advisory Group Meetings:**  
December 2-5, 2024

**E&M Recommendation Group  
Meetings:** February 7-13, 2025

## E&M Committee Member Orientation Recording

The virtual [E&M Committee Member Orientation](#) was held on **September 18**. If you were unable to attend, check out the [webinar recording](#).

## Measure Developer Workshop on October 30

On **October 30** from **10 - 5:30 p.m. (ET)**, we will host a virtual measure developer workshop, [What Good Looks Like: A Comprehensive Guide to Successful Endorsement](#).

For more details, view the [agenda](#).

Please complete this [four-question survey](#) and [register](#) by **October 9** if you have specific questions or topics you would like to discuss during the workshop.

View the [PQM event calendar](#) for more information.  
Please contact [PQMsupport@battelle.org](mailto:PQMsupport@battelle.org) if you have any questions.

## PRMR/MSR Updates



## MSR Recommendation Report & Spreadsheet

The MSR Recommendation Group met September 30 and October 1 to review measures in the CMS portfolio for continued use.

The report and spreadsheet that summarize the recommendations will be available on **November 12**.

The spreadsheet will be available for public comment from **November 12-November 27**.

Stay tuned to the [MSR](#) news and events page for updates.

## Public PRMR Virtual Meetings

CMS will publish the Measures Under Consideration (MUC) list by **December 1**. The public is invited to provide comments on these measures during upcoming Listening Sessions.

**- PRMR Clinician Listening Session:** December 17, 1 - 4 p.m. (ET)

**- PRMR Hospital Listening Session:** December 18, 1 - 4 p.m. (ET)

**- PRMR PAC/LTC Listening Session:** December 19, 1 - 2 p.m. (ET)

For more information, visit the [PRMR](#) news and events page.

## PRMR Committee Member Corner

PRMR committee members, please note several upcoming dates and milestones for the 2024-2025 PRMR cycle.

Please visit the [PRMR](#) news and events page for additional details.



**PRMR Committee Member Orientation:** November 7, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

A meeting for PRMR committee members to review the PRMR process.

**Complete PRMR Pre-Meeting Initial Evaluation (PIE) Forms:** Early December

PRMR committee members provide written feedback via PIE Forms on MUC List measures.

The public is invited to observe the following meetings:

**PRMR Clinician Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 7, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

**PRMR Hospital Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 8, 1 - 3 p.m. (ET)

**PRMR PAC/LTC Advisory Group/Recommendation Group Co-Chair Meeting:** January 9, 1 - 2 p.m. (ET)

**Please note:** The purpose of these meetings is for PRMR Advisory Group members to discuss their MUC feedback with their PRMR committee's Recommendation Group co-chairs.

View the [PQM event calendar](#) for more information. Please contact [PQMsupport@battelle.org](mailto:PQMsupport@battelle.org) if you have any questions.

## 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.

## 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.

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

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

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

For more information, contact [CQMC@Battelle.org](mailto:CQMC@Battelle.org).

## 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

Follow PQM on LinkedIn to stay up to date with events, public comment opportunities, and important deadlines.



### Become a PQM Member

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