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### Submit Member Accomplishments

Do you have any news or accomplishments you would like to share in the newsletter? We would love to include them. Submit a brief 150-word summary to [PQMsupport@battelle.org](mailto:PQMsupport@battelle.org) with the subject "PQM Member Highlight."

## PQM Leaders Featured in The Joint Commission's Patient Safety Journal

**Nicole Brennan**, PQM Executive Director, and **Jeffrey Geppert**, Measurement Science Lead, were featured in the October 2025 issue of *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety*.

The article, "[Generating Value Through Structural Investment](#)," explores how to rebalance payment models—like Value-Based Payment (VBP), Pay for Transformation, and Fee-for-Service—to better support quality care.

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## Share Your Thoughts on the Impact of Digital Quality Measures (dQMs)

We are seeking input on the impact of dQMs on the health care community, measure developers, and measure stewards. Battelle is interested in how dQMs will require, or not require, changes to measure endorsement and maintenance processes.

Please submit comments by **11:59 PM (ET) December 15**.

[Submit a Comment](#)

## Potential Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) Delays Due to Government Shutdown

Due to the government shutdown, updates to PRMR processes and meeting dates may be delayed. We will share more information as soon as it becomes available.

# E&M Updates

## Comment on Fall 2025 Cycle Measures

There are two ways to share your thoughts about measures undergoing endorsement and maintenance review during the Fall 2025 E&M Cycle: written comments and verbal feedback.

### Written Public Comment

**When:** November 17 - December 16

#### How to Submit a Written Comment

1. Visit the [PQM Public Comments](#) page.
2. Navigate to the "Measures" tab.
3. Select "Yes" in the "Is Under Review" dropdown menu.
4. Select "Apply"
5. Select the measure you would like to submit a measure for.
6. Draft your response.
7. Select "Submit Comment".

### Verbal Public Comment

**When:** [December 10](#),  
10 AM - 11:10 AM (ET)

#### How to Give a Verbal Comment

- [Register to attend](#) the E&M Listening Session on December 10. Please indicate which measure(s) you would like to address.
- View the [agenda](#).
- When prompted, share your input, keeping comments to 2 minutes or less.

Full measure information will be public on the PQM website on November 17.

## Spring 2025 Technical Reports Now Available

Use the links to access Technical Reports from the Spring 2025 E&M cycle. Please note, these documents are marked as a drafts. CMS review is currently pending due to the federal government shutdown. Updates may be made following CMS review.

- [Primary Prevention](#)
- [Initial Recognition and Management](#)
- [Management of Acute Events and Chronic Conditions](#)
- [Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care](#)
- [Cost and Efficiency](#)

### For Developers & Stewards

#### Measure Developer Workshop Recording

**Now Available:** Thank you to everyone who attended the two-day measure developer workshop in October.

**Fall 2025  
Full Measure  
Submission (FMS)  
Now Closed**

“Exploring the Science Behind the Scores: Methods, Cost, and Impact” explored key methodological concepts and frameworks for evaluating scientific acceptability and cost measures.

Day 1 Recording

Day 2 Recording

With FMS now closed, we are excited to move into the next phase of the E&M process.

For the Fall 2025 E&M cycle, 39 measures were submitted for endorsement review.

## E&M Committee Corner

**E&M Committee Members:** You should have received invites for all Fall 2025 cycle meetings. If you haven't, please email [PQMsupport@battelle.org](mailto:PQMsupport@battelle.org) with the subject: “Request for E&M Invites.” We will share meeting details and expectations on November 17.

Event	Date
Primary Prevention Advisory Group Meeting	<a href="#">December 1</a> , 10 AM - 2:30 PM (ET)
Initial Recognition and Management Advisory Group Meeting	<a href="#">December 2</a> , 10 AM - 4 PM (ET)
Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care Advisory Group Meeting	<a href="#">December 3</a> , 10 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)
Cost and Efficiency Advisory Group Meeting	<a href="#">December 4</a> , 10 AM - 1 PM (ET)
Management of Acute Events and Chronic Conditions Advisory Group Meeting	<a href="#">December 8</a> , 10 AM - 2:30 PM (ET)
E&M Recommendation Group Committee Meetings	<a href="#">February 4 - 12, 2026</a>

## MSR Updates

### Measure Set Review (MSR) Recommendation Group Meeting

Battelle hosted the Measure Set Review (MSR) Recommendation Group meeting on October 6 and 7. MSR members discussed 21 measures and voted whether to recommend them for continued use in select CMS quality programs. We will share results in a final report.

Thank you to the MSR members and measure developers/stewards

### Expected Delay in Publishing Results

Due to the government shutdown, publication of the recommendations will be delayed. Results will be available for feedback on the PQM website

who participated!

during a future comment period.

## CQMC Updates

### Annual CQMC Strategic Meeting

Battelle hosted the Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) Annual Strategic Meeting on October 28, where attendees discussed core set implementation, digital readiness, and a payer toolkit. The meeting summary will be available on the [PQM website](#) in the coming weeks.

## PQM Member Highlights

### Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Podcasters Interview Rosie Bartel

Committee member and patient participant, Rosie Bartel, joined [IHI's](#) "Turn on the Lights Podcast" to share how she has used her patient experience to advocate for safer care. Tune in to hear about her journey from patient to influential voice in health care.

Listen now on [IHI's "Turn on the Lights Podcast,"](#) Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.

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### Dr. Linda Thomas-Hemak's New Appointment


Committee member Dr. Linda Thomas-Hemak was recently appointed to serve on the [Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers'](#) Board of Directors.

Dr. Thomas-Hemak is the president and CEO of the Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education. [Learn more](#) about her appointment.

### American College of Physicians' Performance Measures Paper

The [American College of Physicians](#) recently published a paper identifying key topics about and a process for recommending a core set of performance measures.

Their focus is on quality over quantity, ensuring that each measure is meaningful and impactful.

 View the [article](#).

## About PQM

### Who We Are

Battelle is a [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.

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

### Become a PQM Member

Ready to use your health care experience or expertise to shape the future of health care quality? Join PQM! Membership is free.

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