

Information Session Resource

Question & Answer (Q&A) Summary for “2024 Pre-Rulemaking Preview”

1. What is the deadline for submitting measures in CMS MUC Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT)?

May 10, 2024 8:00 ET, which is a Friday. That deadline is set so that there is ample time for CMS review of the measure information, drafting of the Measures Under Consideration (MUC) List, and getting the MUC List through the federal clearance process in order to meet the December 1 statutory deadline.

2. When will the MERIT System Open for 2024 MUC measures?

This usually occurs at the end of January 2024, typically the last business day of the month.

3. How will I know when CMS MERIT is open for measure submissions?

We’re aiming to have CMS MERIT open the last business day of January. When it’s available for the 2024 cycle, we will send an announcement out to the pre-rulemaking email list and post an announcement on the [MMS Hub](#).

4. Where is the pre-rulemaking calendar available? How many years in advance are calendars published?

Typically, the calendar is relatively stable, so you can use the slides from today's presentation as reference to the timeline or refer to the [MMS Hub](#) for pre-rulemaking updates and resources.

5. Is the information that I submit on CMS MERIT publicly accessible? Can anyone see it?

The measure information you input is viewable to anyone with a CMS MERIT account, and CMS MERIT accounts are granted to any party that requests one. So, yes, the information you submit in CMS MERIT is publicly accessible.

6. Can CMS describe how programs determine their measure needs and priorities?

It varies by program. Sometimes priorities are specified in program-specific statute, other measure priorities may “trickle down” from broader cross agency or agency-wide priorities (e.g., such as maternal health, health equity). Programs also use [Meaningful Measures 2.0](#) and the [Cascade of Meaningful Measures](#) to identify priorities and gaps in their measure portfolios.

7. Can someone link the needs and priorities document?

The 2023 Program-Specific Needs and Priorities document is posted to the [MMS Pre-Rulemaking Resources](#) page, along with many other helpful documents and resources. The Needs and Priorities document is updated annually in the spring.

8. What is the impact on a measure submission for a survey-based measure if the tool has not been translated and validated in Spanish?

CMS anticipates the measure steward to work with the respective programs and complete translation/validation before considering the measure in rulemaking.

9. Where can I find the slides from today's session?

Slides for this MMS Info Session are posted to the MMS Hub [here](#). Slides for all MMS Info Sessions may be located under [Educational Resources](#).

10. Where are the value sets housed for these measures, specifically the newly released 2023 MUC metrics? I did not have luck finding them in VSAC [Value Set Authority Center]?

You can create an account and review the measure details in CMS MERIT.

<https://cmsmerit.cms.gov/merit/#/login>

11. To follow up on the 1st question ask by another participant, but being more specific as I would like to see the value set directories and existing CMS ADULT CORE measures (OUDAD) - The measure description is easy to find. However, I too have no luck finding the expected VSD information. Can you help?

The Medicaid Adult Core Set measures that you are inquiring about do not go through the pre-rulemaking process that we are discussing today. Please check the resources available about the Medicaid Adult Core Set online [here](#).

12. How do the 2024 updates specifically affect LTACHs?

Today we're discussing how measures for certain Medicare programs get submitted and selected for consideration. The updates discussed today (regarding timelines and changes to the questions on MERIT) are not specific to any one setting or program.

13. Can [Federally Qualified Health Centers] and [Community Mental Health Centers] participate in the measures?

Please visit the [MMS Hub](#) to learn more about the measure development process and interested party engagement at every stage in the measure lifecycle including pre-rulemaking, which is considered a component of measure implementation.

14. Can you talk a little bit about the public comment sessions that are coming up? What kinds of comments are traditionally heard in these meetings?

The focus of today's discussion is the 2024 pre-rulemaking cycle. The public comment sessions for the 2023 pre-rulemaking cycle are managed by the Partnership for Quality Measurement (PQM). Please visit their website at <https://www.p4qm.org/> to learn more about the Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) process for measures on the 2023 MUC List.