



PUBLIC WEBINAR

2024 Pre-Rulemaking Preview

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Agenda

The purpose of today's webinar is to discuss Pre-Rulemaking and prepare measure submitters for the 2024 Pre-Rulemaking Cycle.

Topics we'll cover include:

- Orientation to the Pre-Rulemaking Process
- Pre-Rulemaking Timeline
- Updates to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Measure Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT)
- Upcoming Pre-Rulemaking Education and Outreach Activities
- Pre-Rulemaking Resources

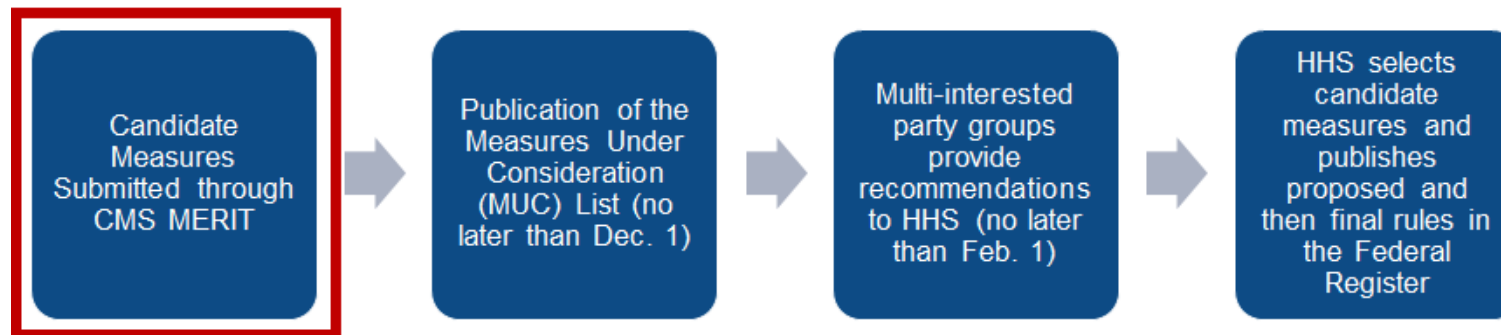




Pre-Rulemaking Orientation

Pre-Rulemaking Process

Section 3014 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), created section 1890A of the Social Security Act, which required the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish **a federal pre-rulemaking process for the selection of quality and efficiency measures for use by HHS.**



Today's focus

Pre-Rulemaking Programs

The Pre-Rulemaking process for measure selection is used by the following Medicare programs:

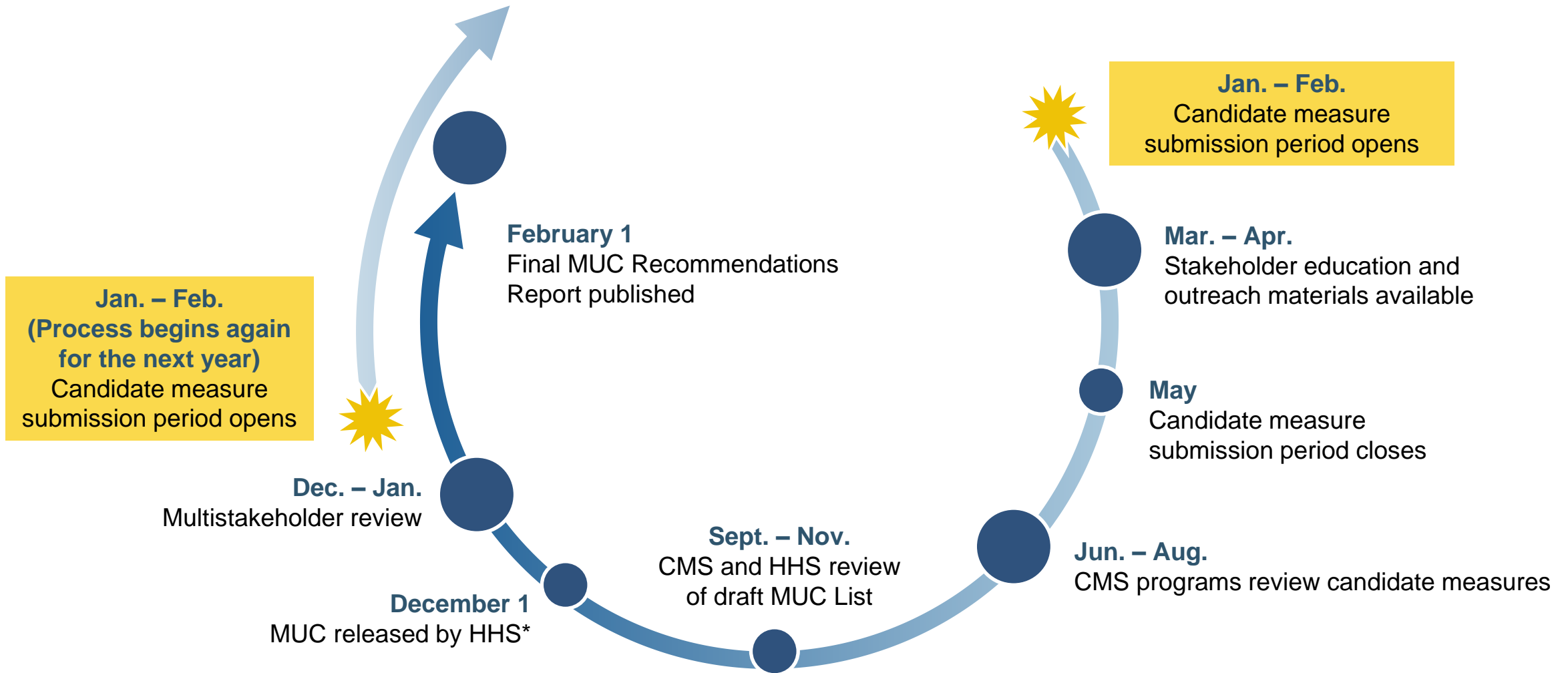
Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting
End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive
Home Health Quality Reporting
Hospice Quality Reporting
Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction
Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting
Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting
Hospital Readmissions Reduction
Hospital Value-Based Purchasing
Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting
Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting
Medicare Promoting Interoperability
Medicare Shared Savings
Merit-based Incentive Payment System
Part C and D Star Rating
Prospective Payment System-Exempt
Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting
Rural Emergency Hospital Quality Reporting
Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting
Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing

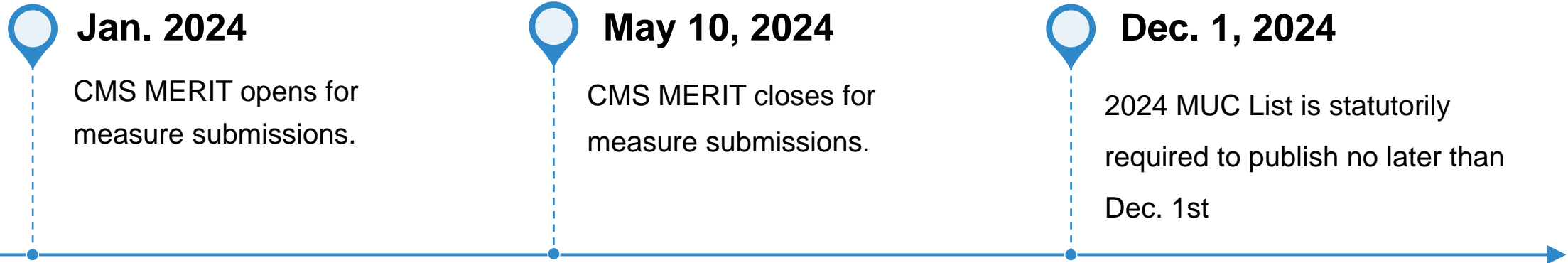


Pre-Rulemaking Timeline

Cyclical Pre-Rulemaking Timeline



2024 Measure Submission Timeline



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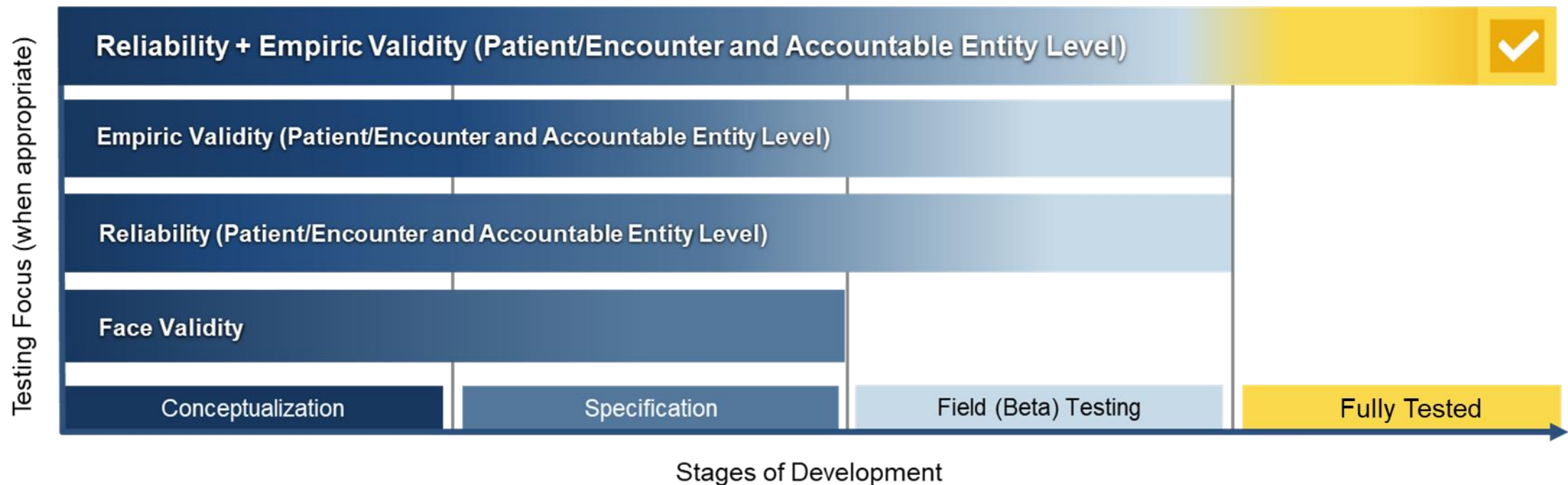
Updates to CMS MERIT

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- CMS MERIT is the tool measure developers use to submit measures for consideration by CMS.
 - In 2024, there will be **fewer** required fields to complete.
 - Background questions have been updated to refer to the new Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) process (formerly the Measure Applications Partnership [MAP]).
 - New required question to capture whether patient surveys and tools used in quality measures have been translated and validated in Spanish
 - Revised stage of development question asks submitters to indicate **completed** stages of development

Stage of Development

CMS will evaluate measures at all stages but prefers measures that have been fully conceptualized, specified, and tested.



CMS MERIT Data Template

The 2024 CMS MERIT Data Template (i.e., the Word version of MERIT questions) will be available for download when MERIT launches for the 2024 cycle at the end of January.

- The CMS MERIT Data Template will be accessible from the CMS [MERIT landing page](#), with no login required.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Measures Under Consideration
Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT)

About ▾

Welcome to MERIT!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) MUC Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT) is the tool for measure developers to submit their clinical quality measures for consideration by CMS.

As part of the CMS Pre-Rulemaking process for programs under Section 3014 of the Affordable Care Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must annually issue a Measures under Consideration List (MUC List) by December 1. Developers submit measures for CMS to consider including in certain CMS programs as required under ACA.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the pre-rulemaking process.

Are you a measure developer in need of a MERIT account? Click "Request an Account" at right.

Note that it may take 24 hours to process your account request. In the meantime, you may review the [MUC List template](#) for information about the fields to complete in MERIT and the [Quick Start Guide](#) to help orient you to the tool.

Login to MERIT

Username

Password

Token Code

[Forgot your Password?](#) [Request an Account](#)

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Learning More About Pre-Rulemaking

Pre-Rulemaking Education and Outreach Activities

- Each year, CMS hosts a public pre-rulemaking webinar to review pre-rulemaking policies and processes.
 - The 2024 pre-rulemaking webinar will be held **March 28**.
- Each year, CMS hosts a training session on CMS MERIT.
 - The 2024 CMS MERIT Tips & Tricks session will be held **April 9**.
- Slides and recordings for both events will be posted to the [Pre-Rulemaking Resources](#) page on the [CMS Measures Management System \(MMS\) Hub](#).

Pre-Rulemaking Resources

- Visit the [MMS Hub Pre-Rulemaking webpage](#) to learn about pre-rulemaking processes, priorities, and view past MUC Lists
- Visit the [MMS Hub Pre-Rulemaking Resources](#) page to access:
 - Previous pre-rulemaking event recordings
 - MERIT Data Template*
 - MERIT QuickStart Guide*
 - Pre-Rulemaking Frequently Asked Questions*
 - Fact sheets and templates for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Annual Call for Measures*
 - CMS Program-Specific Needs and Priorities Report**

*to be updated in January

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Pre-Rulemaking Announcements

- Pre-Rulemaking announcements will be posted to the [MMS Hub](#) and sent to the MMS Pre-Rulemaking email list.
 - Email MMSsupport@battelle.org and ask to be added to the MMS Pre-Rulemaking email list to receive announcements in your inbox.





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