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MIPS Peer-Reviewed Journal Article Requirement Template

Section 101(c)(1) of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) requires submission of new measures for publication in applicable specialty-appropriate, peer-reviewed journals prior to implementing in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). Such measures will be submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to a journal(s), before including any new measure on the MIPS Quality Measures List. The measure submitter shall provide the required information for article submission under the MACRA per the MIPS Annual Call for Quality Measures submission process.

Interested parties submitting measures for consideration through the MIPS Annual Call for Quality Measures must complete the required information by the CMS Annual Call for Measures deadline (8 p.m. ET on May 1, 2025). Some of the information requested below may be listed in specific fields in the CMS Measures Under Consideration (MUC) Entry/Review Information Tool (MERIT); however, to ensure that CMS has all of the necessary information and avoid delays in the evaluation of your submission, please fully complete this form as an attached Word document. The information in MERIT must be consistent with the information below, including the following, but not limited to:

- **[Measure Title]**
- **[Meaningful Measures 2.0 Framework Domain]**

Measure Steward: [Name] **Measure Developer:** [Name] **Description:** [Text]

I. Statement

- Background (Why is this measure important?).
- Environmental scan (Are there existing measures in this area?).

II. Gap Analysis

- Provide evidence for the measure (What are the gaps and opportunities to improve care?).
- Expected outcome (patient care/patient health improvements, cost savings).
- Recommendation for the measure (Is it based on a study, consensus opinion, USPSTF recommendation etc.?).

III. Reliability/Validity

- What testing has been performed at the level of implementation? (MIPS requires full measure testing at the individual clinician level (and may also need to be tested at the group level) for MIPS Clinical Quality Measures (CQMs) and Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) collection types. Administrative claims measures tested at the group level require a reliability threshold to be implemented at the group level.)

  Please provide testing results including the N value, Bonnie test case results, correlation coefficient and any other pertinent information or values to be considered.

  - Reliability Testing Results at the accountable entity level
  - Face Validity Testing Results, Clinician Sites
  - Empiric Validity Testing Results at the accountable entity level
  - Data Element/Patient Encounter Level Testing
  - Exclusion Frequency
  - What were the minimum sample sizes used for reliability results?

- Other Information
  - Is it risk adjusted? If so, how?
  - What benchmarking information is available?
  - Collection Type: Specify the data collection type.
  - Specify measure stage of development.
  - For Patient Reported Outcome Performance Measures:
    - The survey or tool has been tested and doesn't require modifications based on results?
    - Patient/encounter level testing for each critical data element doesn't require changes to the tool base on the results?

IV. Endorsement

- Provide the Consensus-Based Entity (CBE) (i.e., Partnership for Quality Measures (PQM)) endorsement status (and CBE ID) and/or other endorsing body. If the measure is only endorsed for paper records, please note endorsement for only the data source being submitted.

V. Summary

- Alignment with CMS Meaningful Measures Initiative or MACRA (if applicable).
- Relevance to MIPS or other CMS programs.
- Rationale: Use of measure for inclusion in program (specialty society, regional collaborative, other).
- Public reporting (if applicable).
- Preferable relevant peer-reviewed journal for publication.
- Rationale as to how the measure correlates to existing cost measures and improvement activities, as applicable and feasible.