2027 Measure Submission Template: Measure(s) Suggested for removal from the Child and/or Adult Core Sets

Instructions

1. This template is a tool to help you prepare to suggest a measure for removal from the 2027 Child and/or Adult Core Sets. The online form to suggest a measure for removal is available at <https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/t/AC5TZGpL>. Before accessing the online form, please use the template below to prepare your response and ensure that you have all the required information.
2. The full list of the criteria for suggesting measures for addition to or removal from the 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets is available in the Call for Measures Materials packet posted on <https://mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview>.
3. A response is required for all questions that have an asterisk symbol **\***.
4. Questions that have a caret symbol **^** may be conditionally required, depending on your response to a previous question. The instructions provided below will clarify when to complete or skip these questions.
5. All questions that have a blank text response field in the template below will accept free text responses in the online form, with character limits. Please spell out all abbreviations and define special terms at their first occurrence.
6. All check box fields are “select one.” You can click on the box to place or remove the “X.”
7. Please include links to supporting documentation where relevant. If links are not available, you may also submit supporting documentation as an attachment at the end of the form or via email to MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com. If submitting an attachment, the file name should indicate the related question number in the form.
8. Note that it is not necessary to submit a measure removal form if the measure is being retired by the measure steward. Once the measure steward confirms that they will no longer update or maintain the measure, CMS will remove the measure from the Core Sets.
9. Send any questions to MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com with the subject line “Public Call for Measures”.

Submission and Measure Information

1. Email \*

2. First and last name \*

3. Submitter’s organization or affiliation \*

4. Core Set measure name and acronym \*

Refer to the links below for the list of measures currently in the Core Sets:

* 2025 Child Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2025-child-core-set.pdf>
* 2025 Adult Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2025-adult-core-set.pdf>

*Note that the response is limited to 500 characters.*

5. Core Set from which the measure is being suggested for removal \*

Select one.

[ ]  Child Core Set only

[ ]  Adult Core Set only

[ ]  Both Child and Adult Core Sets (age range spans children and adults)

6. If this measure is removed, does it leave a gap in the Core Set(s)? \*

 Select one.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

7. Explain why removal of this measure would or would not leave a gap in the Core Set(s). \*

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

8. Have you suggested an alternate measure to replace this measure in the Child and/or Adult Core Sets? \*

 Select one.

[ ]  Yes ***Proceed to question 9***

[ ]  No ***SKIP TO question 10***

9. If yes, provide the name of the replacement measure here and be sure to submit a form to suggest the measure for addition.^

The form to suggest measures for addition to the Core Sets is available at: [https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/t/AC5TZGpO](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmathematica.questionprogov.com%2Ft%2FAC5TZGpO&data=05%7C02%7CCFiorentini%40mathematica-mpr.com%7C93a06210151240f5f8fb08dca02104c0%7C13af8d650b4b4c0fa446a427419abfd6%7C0%7C0%7C638561310909475440%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Kbo9R1hxsS4GGHqJz%2Fvuo3awmljdCYBbPViOlfinuyw%3D&reserved=0).

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

10. Was this measure discussed by the Workgroup during the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, and/or 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets Review? \*

If unsure, refer to the list of previously discussed measures available in the 2027 Resources tab at: <https://www.mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview>.

Select one.

[ ]  Yes ***Proceed to question 11***

[ ]  No ***SKIP TO question 12***

11. Why do you suggest that the 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review Workgroup discuss the measure again? ^

Note: If the measure has been discussed during a previous Workgroup meeting, strong justification and new evidence should be provided to explain why the Workgroup should reconsider the measure. (If unsure of the previous discussion, refer to the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, and/or 2026 Workgroup final reports at <https://www.mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview>.)

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

Technical Feasibility Criteria

Indicate below why you suggest that this measure should be removed from the Core Sets (select all that apply). For each reason selected, explain your rationale and give specific examples where available.

12. The measure is not fully developed and does not have detailed technical measure specifications, preventing production of the measure at the state level (e.g., numerator, denominator, and value sets). \*

 Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 13***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 14***

13. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence that the measure is not fully developed and does not have detailed technical measure specifications. For example, indicate which elements are missing or incomplete within the technical specifications. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

14. The majority of states report significant challenges in accessing an available data source that contains all the data elements necessary to calculate the measure, including an identifier for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries (or the ability to link to an identifier). \*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 15***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 16***

15. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence that the majority of states report significant challenges in: (1) accessing an available data source necessary to calculate the measure, and/or (2) accessing one or more of the required data elements needed to calculate the measure. Include the names of states that have reported significant challenges calculating the measure and provide details on which data sources and data elements have been challenging. Provide links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

16. The specifications and data source do not allow for consistent calculations across states (e.g., there is documented variation in coding or data completeness across states).\*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 17***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 18***

17. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence that the specifications and data source do not allow for consistent calculations across states, due to variation in coding or data completeness. For example, indicate which specific codes and/or data elements are not available or incomplete in some states and list the states where this applies. Include links to support documentation of the variation in coding or data completeness, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

Actionability and Strategic Priority Criteria

Indicate below why you suggest that this measure should be removed from the Core Sets (select all that apply). For each reason selected, explain your rationale and give specific examples where available.

18. The measure is no longer aligned with strategic priorities for improving health care delivery and outcomes in Medicaid and CHIP (e.g., strategic priorities have shifted and this measure does not address the most pressing needs of Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries).\*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 19***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 20***

19. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that the measure is not aligned with current strategic priorities for improving health care delivery and outcomes in Medicaid and CHIP. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

20. The measure cannot be used for comparative analyses of disparities among Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries by all the required stratification categories included in the May 2024 State Health Official letter: race, ethnicity, sex, and geography.\*

Considerations could include lack of adequate sample and population sizes or lack of available data in the required data source(s).

Note that beginning with FFY 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets reporting, states will be expected to stratify a subset of mandatory measures and stratification will be required for all eligible mandatory measures beginning with FFY 2028 Core Sets reporting. For FFY 2025 Core Sets reporting, states will be required to stratify a subset of measures by race and ethnicity, sex (defined as biologic sex), and geography.

More information, including the established data standards for each stratification category, is available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho24001.pdf>.

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 21***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 22***

21. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that the measure cannot be used for comparative analyses of disparities among Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries by all of the required stratification categories included in the May 2024 [State Health Official Letter](https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho24001.pdf). Considerations could include lack of adequate sample sizes or lack of available data in the required data source(s).

Provide the names of the specific stratification categories where comparative analyses are not possible (i.e., race, ethnicity, sex, and/or geography). Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

22. Measure performance for all populations is so high and unvarying that meaningful distinctions in improvements or performance can no longer be made.\*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 23***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal **SKIP TO question 24**

23. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that measure performance for all populations is so high and unvarying that meaningful distinctions in improvements or performance can no longer be made. For example, provide the mean, median, and range in state-level performance rates from the most recent Core Set Measure Performance Table, available at**:**

* 2022 Child Core Set tables: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/performance-on-the-child-core-set-measures-ffy-2022.zip>
* 2022 Adult Core Set tables: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/performance-on-the-adult-core-set-measures-ffy-2022.zip>

If known, also provide information on the measure performance rates for key subpopulations within states (e.g., by race and ethnicity, sex, geographic, etc.) If providing stratified rates, include links to supporting documentation.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

24. Improvement on the measure is outside the direct influence of Medicaid and CHIP programs/providers.\*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 25***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 26***

25. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that improvement on the measure is outside the direct influence of Medicaid and CHIP programs/providers. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

26. The measure no longer aligns with current clinical guidance and/or positive health outcomes.\*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 27***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 28***

27. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that the measure specifications no longer align with current clinical guidance and/or positive health outcomes. Include links to relevant clinical guidelines and other supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

28. Another measure is suggested for replacement and that other measure is:
(1) more broadly applicable (across settings, populations, or conditions), and/or (2) more proximal in time to desired beneficiary outcomes, and/or (3) more strongly associated with desired beneficiary outcomes. (Note that the replacement measure must also meet the minimum technical feasibility and appropriateness criteria to be considered by the Workgroup.) \*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 29***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 30***

29. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Explain why the alternate measure you have suggested for replacement would be a better fit for the Core Sets than the measure you have suggested for removal. Reasons could be that the alternate measure is: (1) more broadly applicable (across settings, populations, or conditions) for the topic, and/or (2) more proximal in time to desired beneficiary outcomes, and/or (3) more strongly associated with desired beneficiary outcomes. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

Other Considerations

Indicate below why you suggest that this measure should be removed from the Core Sets (select all that apply). For each reason selected, explain your rationale and give specific examples where available.

30. The prevalence of the condition or outcome being measured is not sufficient to produce reliable and meaningful state-level results, taking into account Medicaid and CHIP population sizes and demographics. \*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 31***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 32***

31. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that the prevalence of the condition or outcome being measured is not sufficient to produce reliable and meaningful state-level results. Provide state-level prevalence estimates and include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

32. The measure and measure specifications are not aligned with those used in other CMS programs. \*

Examples of other CMS programs include: Core Quality Measures Collaborative Core Sets, Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, Medicaid and CHIP Quality Rating System, Medicare Advantage Star Ratings, and/or Medicare Shared Savings Program.

The CMS Measures Inventory Tool, which shows a measure’s use in CMS programs, is available at: <https://cmit.cms.gov/cmit/#/MeasureInventory>.

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 33***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 34***

33. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Explain why the measure and measure specifications are not aligned with those used in other CMS programs. Provide the names of the specific CMS programs that are using a different but related measure and include the name of the other measure and its unique identifier (e.g., CMIT ID, federal program ID, or CBE#), if available. Summarize the key differences in technical specifications between the two related measures. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

34. Including the measure in the Core Sets results in substantial additional data collection burden for providers or Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. \*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 35***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 36***

35. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that including the measure results in substantial additional data collection burden for providers or Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. Does the measure increase burden for providers, beneficiaries, or both? Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

36. All states may not be able to produce the measure for all Medicaid and CHIP populations within two years of the measure being added to the Core Sets. \*

Select one.

[ ]  Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 37***

[ ]  No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 38***

37. If you selected ‘yes’ for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

If the measure has been on the Core Sets for two years or longer, provide evidence and give specific examples that all states have not yet been able to produce the measure for all Medicaid and CHIP populations. If the measure has been on the Core Sets for less than two years, explain why all states may not be able to report the measure within two years of its being added to the Core Sets. Provide evidence and include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note that the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

38. Specify any other reasons to consider removing this measure from the Core Set(s), if applicable.

39. If you would like to include supporting documentation as an attachment to this form, upload your file(s) below. You can also email supporting documentation to MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com with the subject line “Public Call for Measures.”

*Indicate the related question number in the attachment file name(s). Note that you may upload up to 10 attachments and the maximum file size is 50 mb.*