

Measures Under Consideration (MUC) Peer Reviewed Journal Article
Template for Candidate Measures
CY 2020 Final versus CY 2021 Proposed

Burden impact: The changes to this form do not reflect proposals in the CY2021 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Proposed Rule for the Quality Payment Program. There are no impacts to burden as a result of these changes.

Change #1:

Location: Page 1: 1st paragraph, 1st sentence

Reason for Change:

Edited for clarity

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

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CY 2021 Proposed Rule text:

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Change #2:

Location: Page 1: 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence

Reason for Change:

Edited for clarity

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

Measure owners submitting measures into JIRA1 must complete the required information by the Call for Measures deadline.

CY 2021 Proposed Rule text:

Measure steward submitting measures into JIRA must complete the required information by the Call for Measures deadline

Change #3:

Location: Page 1 Text Box

Reason for Change:

Edited to align with terminology in the Blueprint for the CMS Measures Management System

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

Measure Owner: [Name]

CY 2021 Proposed Rule text:

Measure Steward: [Name]

Change #4:

Location: Page 2 Section V

Reason for Change:

Edited to align with future MVP development/implementation.

CY 2020 Final Rule text:

V. Summary

- Alignment with CMS Meaningful Measures Initiative or MACRA (If applicable)
- Importance 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

CY 2021 Proposed Rule text:

Added bullet:

- Rationale as to how the measure correlates to existing cost measures and improvement activities, as applicable and feasible.