

CMS Seeks Public Comments on Draft Quality Measure Development Plan by March 1, 2016

On Friday, December 18, 2015, CMS released the Draft CMS Quality Measure Development Plan to build on our efforts to shift Medicare payments from volume to value. As mandated by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), section 102, CMS is required to develop and post the draft Quality Measure Development Plan (MDP) no later than January 1, 2016.

CMS is soliciting comments on the Draft MDP from the public (including health care providers, payers, consumers, and other stakeholders) through **March 1, 2016**. After taking all public comments on the draft MDP into consideration, CMS will post the Final MDP on the [CMS.gov](http://www.cms.gov) website by May 1, 2016, followed by updates annually, or as otherwise appropriate.

To view the blog authored by Kate Goodrich, M.D., M.H.S., Director, Center for Clinical Standards & Quality, CMS on the MDP Plan *Supporting the Transition to the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APMs)*:

<http://blog.cms.gov/2015/12/18/cms-quality-measure-development-plan-supporting-the-transition-to-the-merit-based-incentive-payment-system-mips-and-alter/>.

To view the MACRA webpage on CMS.gov:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs/MACRA-MIPS-and-APMs.html>.

Public comments on the Draft Measure Development Plan can be submitted through **March 1, 2016** using the following options:

1. On-line Submission Tool: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26NYQRB>
2. MDP Dedicated Email Box: MACRA-MDP@hsag.com
3. U.S. Postal Mail: **Attn: Eric Gilbertson, CMS MACRA Team; Health Services Advisory Group, Inc.; 3133 East Camelback Road, Suite 240; Phoenix, AZ 85016-4545**