2028 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 2028 Child and/or Adult Core Sets. The online form to suggest a measure for removal is available at [https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/2028Removals](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmathematica.questionprogov.com%2F2028Removals&data=05%7C02%7CCFiorentini%40mathematica-mpr.com%7C03cc25239e3247c469bf08ddba44a6e7%7C13af8d650b4b4c0fa446a427419abfd6%7C0%7C0%7C638871526196245091%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AVT2CKu9IMV4fvhBWi9BoYJFtdGCwoFTVwN%2BbcfNFgg%3D&reserved=0). Before accessing the online form, you can 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 2028 Child and Adult Core Sets is available in the Call for Measures Materials packet posted at [https://mathematica.org/-/media/internet/features/2025/child-and-adult-core-set/call-for-measures-materials-packet.pdf](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmathematica.org%2F-%2Fmedia%2Finternet%2Ffeatures%2F2025%2Fchild-and-adult-core-set%2Fcall-for-measures-materials-packet.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CCFiorentini%40mathematica-mpr.com%7Cc367b28a9e244e4d66c108ddba531100%7C13af8d650b4b4c0fa446a427419abfd6%7C0%7C0%7C638871588121401488%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jWcgyyW94JAvH63jXsUXeJMp1hIEsLpXvl47wVuaE1s%3D&reserved=0).
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.” Click on the check box to place or remove the “X.”
7. Please include links to supporting documentation where relevant. If links are not available, you may submit supporting documentation as an attachment at the end of the form or via email to [MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com). If submitting an attachment, the file name should indicate the related question number in the form.
8. Note that if you are suggesting a new measure to replace an existing measure, you do not need to submit a measure removal form. Submit your rationale for the measure substitution using only the **additions** form, available at [https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/2028Additions](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmathematica.questionprogov.com%2F2028Additions&data=05%7C02%7CCFiorentini%40mathematica-mpr.com%7C03cc25239e3247c469bf08ddba44a6e7%7C13af8d650b4b4c0fa446a427419abfd6%7C0%7C0%7C638871526196227240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j4lNZtWEyyHflySMlSR43ZXNRrqzBLm25bRMvmv4rTw%3D&reserved=0).
9. Send any questions to [MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:MACCoreSetReview@mathematica-mpr.com) with the subject line “Public Call for Measures.”

Submission and Measure Information

1. Submitter’s email \*

2. Submitter’s first and last name \*

3. Submitter’s organization or affiliation \*

4. Core Set measure name and acronym \*

Refer to the links below for the lists of measures currently on the Core Sets:

* 2026 Child Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2026-child-core-set.pdf>
* 2026 Adult Core Set: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2026-adult-core-set.pdf>

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

Select one.

Yes ***Proceed to question 7***

No ***SKIP TO question 8***

7. If yes, you do not need to complete this form. Please submit details about both measures using the form to suggest a measure for addition to the Core Sets.

The form to suggest measures for addition to the Core Sets is available at: [https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/2028Additions](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmathematica.questionprogov.com%2F2028Additions&data=05%7C02%7CCFiorentini%40mathematica-mpr.com%7C03cc25239e3247c469bf08ddba44a6e7%7C13af8d650b4b4c0fa446a427419abfd6%7C0%7C0%7C638871526196227240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j4lNZtWEyyHflySMlSR43ZXNRrqzBLm25bRMvmv4rTw%3D&reserved=0).

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8. Are you or is your organization the measure steward? \*

Select one.

Yes ***Proceed to question 9***

No ***SKIP TO question 11***

9. Are you suggesting this measure for removal because you plan to retire the measure? ^

Select one.

Yes ***Proceed to question 10***

No ***SKIP TO question 11***

10. Provide more information about the plans for retiring this measure, including the Core Set measurement year when the measure will be retired, when the retirement is expected to be announced publicly, and any other details about the planned retirement that may be relevant to the Workgroup and CMS. ^

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters. After entering a response **SKIP TO question 36**.

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

Select one.

Yes

No

12. Explain your response to the previous question. ^

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

13. Was this measure discussed by the Workgroup during any previous Child and Adult Core Sets Review since 2020? ^

If unsure, refer to the list of previously discussed measures available in the 2028 Call for Measures Materials Packet at <https://mathematica.org/-/media/internet/features/2025/child-and-adult-core-set/call-for-measures-materials-packet.pdf>.

Select one.

Yes ***Proceed to question 14***

No ***SKIP TO question 15***

14. Why do you suggest that the 2028 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 previous Workgroup final reports at <https://www.mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview>.)

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

Technical Feasibility Criteria

Indicate below the reasons you suggest removing this measure from the Core Sets (select all that apply). For each reason selected, provide a clear rationale and include specific examples or evidence where available. Note that you must provide a response to each question that has an asterisk in this section, unless you are the measure steward and you are suggesting the measure for removal because you plan to retire it.

15. 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 16***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 17***

16. If you selected “yes” for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

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

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

17. 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 18***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 19***

18. If you selected “yes” for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

19. 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 20***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 21***

20. If you selected “yes” for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

Actionability Criteria

Indicate below why you suggest that this measure should be removed from the Core Sets (select all that apply). For each reason selected, provide a clear rationale and include specific examples or evidence where available. Note that you must provide a response to each question that has an asterisk in this section, unless you are the measure steward and you are suggesting the measure for removal because you plan to retire it.

21. 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 22***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 23***

22. 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 median and range in state-level performance rates from the most recent year of Core Set reporting available in the [Core Set Data Dashboard](https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/core-set-data-dashboard/welcome).

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

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

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

Select one.

Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 24***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 25***

24. 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 or providers. Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

25. 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 26***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 27***

26. 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

27. The measure is not able to be stratified by all the required stratification categories included in the annual Core Sets guidance. \*

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 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets reporting, states are expected to stratify a subset of mandatory measures. For 2025 and 2026 Core Sets reporting, states are 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/sho24007.pdf>.

Select one.

Yes, this is a reason for removal ***Proceed to question 28***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 29***

28. If you selected “yes” for this criterion, explain your rationale. ^

Provide evidence and give specific examples that the measure cannot be stratified by all of the required stratification categories included in the annual Core Sets guidance. 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 stratification is not possible (i.e., race, ethnicity, sex, and/or geography). Include links to supporting documentation, if available.

Note 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 you select, provide a clear rationale and include specific examples or evidence where available. Note that you must provide a response to each question that has an asterisk in this section, unless you are the measure steward and you are suggesting the measure for removal because you plan to retire it.

29. 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 30***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 31***

30. 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

31. 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 32***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 33***

32. 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

33. Including the measure on 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 34***

No, this is not a reason for removal ***SKIP TO question 35***

34. 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 the response is limited to 1,500 characters.

35. Specify any other reasons to consider removing this measure from the Core Sets, if applicable.

36. 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](mailto: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.