

Performance Measures Coordinating Committee Council Meeting

Monday, July 21st, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Housekeeping

- ▶ No formal break, so feel free to step out briefly if needed.
- ▶ For committee members:
 - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted when not speaking.
- ▶ For members of the public:
 - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted at all times.
 - ▶ There will be dedicated time for questions and comments.
 - ▶ Please use the chat box to submit your question/comment and it will be addressed in the order received.

Public Process

- ▶ Maintaining a transparent process is important.
- ▶ Public comment opportunities:
 - ▶ PMCC meetings are open to the public.
 - ▶ There is time on the agenda for public comment prior to action on measures.
 - ▶ Meeting materials are posted on the Health Care Authority website*
 - ▶ Comments can be submitted to HCA anytime at hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov

*<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/washington-state-common-measure-set>

Welcome & Introductions

- ▶ Committee roll call
- ▶ Members of the public, please share the following in the chat
 - ▶ Your Name
 - ▶ Your Role
 - ▶ Your organization

Today's Objectives

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Recap of the June PMCC meeting
- ▶ Continue Biennial Review of the WSCMS
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Wrap Up/next steps

Recap of the June 2025 PMCC Meeting

▶ Continued review of the WSCMS

- ▶ Recommendations for core set and removals
 - Identified 2 additional measures for Core
 - Identified 5 additional measures for Removal
- ▶ Discussed overarching goals and how the final measures will be used
 - HCA agreed to provide additional definitions and clarification on “subset” and core set reporting for next meeting in July.

Biennial Review of the WA State Common Measure Set

Heather Schultz, MD, HCA

Overview

- ▶ In February, the PMCC voted to reduce the overall size of the existing common measure set, focusing on identifying a smaller core set of priority measures.
- ▶ Committee members were provided with a measures template and defined set of criteria to review the current list of measures.
- ▶ The template asked members to identify if a measure was used by their organization, what its priority level is, and whether the measure was appropriate for the core set, removal or a measure subset for population health monitoring.

[Washington State Common Measures Set 2025](#)

Review of Template Responses

- ▶ HCA received a total of 11 review template responses, 8 from Committee members, 2 from subject matter experts and 6 health plans. Some templates included additional input from Committee member colleagues.
- ▶ Any measure that received 4 or more recommendations was identified as a priority.
- ▶ Some measure focus areas were identified as “high priority,” but reviewers deferred to the Committee as to which measures they would prioritize for the core set (preventative screening, diabetes).

Ground Rules

- ▶ The goal is to have no more than:
 - ▶ 10 measures for the core set.
 - ▶ 2 measures from each domain.
- ▶ Just because a measure is not identified as a priority for the Common Measure Set, it doesn't mean it is not important.
- ▶ There are no final votes today; the goal is to narrow down the recommended measures for the core set.
 - ▶ Measures which require a more in-depth discussion may be placed in parking lot for future discussion.
- ▶ In the interest of time, initial review discussion is with formal committee members. There is a designated time for the public to weigh in later in the meeting.

Walk Through of WSCMS

Laura Pennington and Heleena Hufnagel, HCA

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Draft Framework example for WSCMS*

▶ Core measures

- ▶ The Core Set includes measures that (state purchasers), payers and providers should use in their Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) contracts (agreements).

▶ Supplementary measures

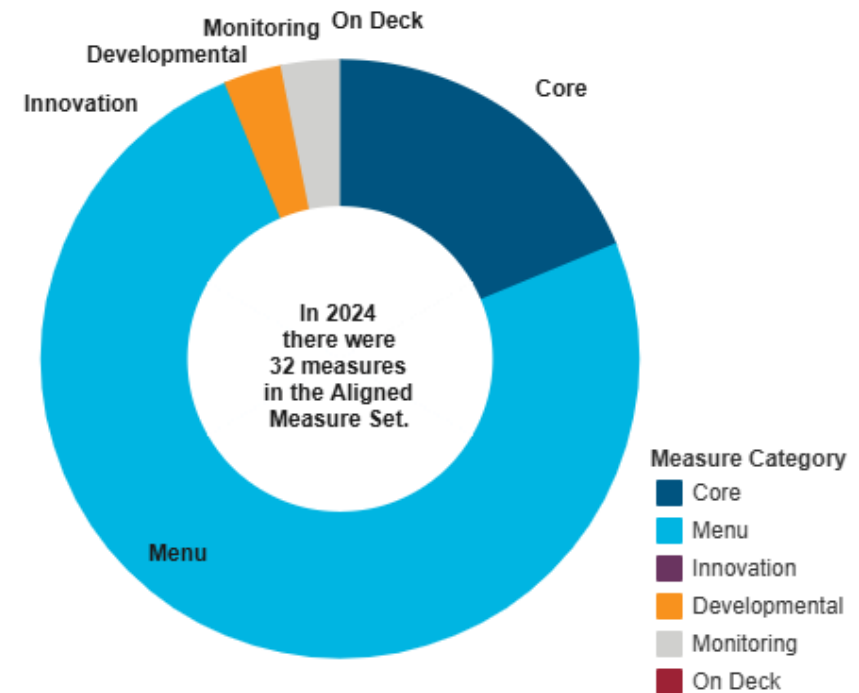
- ▶ Additional measures from which payers and providers may choose to supplement the Core measures in their Value-Based Purchasing contracts (agreements).

▶ Additional definitions are located in Reference and Definitions document

*Draft Framework for 2025 Washington State Common Measure Set

Massachusetts model

- ▶ Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set for Global Budget-Based Risk Contracts
- ▶ Measure Set Dashboard
- ▶ Multiple sets of measures
 - ▶ Core
 - ▶ Menu
 - ▶ Monitoring
 - ▶ On Deck
 - ▶ Developmental



Recap from June discussion

- ▶ 2 additional measures were recommended for Addition to core set:
 - ▶ Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)
 - ▶ Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)
- ▶ 5 additional measures were recommended for removal:*

- ▶ New Opioid Patients Transitioning to Chronic Opioids (Bree Collaborative)
- ▶ Patients Prescribed High Dose Chronic Opioid Therapy (Bree Collaborative)
- ▶ Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes (BPD)
- ▶ Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)
- ▶ HIV Viral Load Suppression (HVL-AD)

* Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR) is on hold, pending final decision from NCQA regarding potential retirement in 2026

Goals for today

- ▶ Agree on *recommended* Core measures (Final vote at October meeting)
- ▶ Agree on *recommended* Removal measures
- ▶ Revisit any measures, as needed
 - ▶ Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)
 - ▶ PMCC put in parking lot for further discussion
 - ▶ Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - ▶ PMCC voted to add to Core Set. However, this is only tracked for Medicaid.
 - ▶ Depression Remission or Response in Adolescents and Adults (DRR-E)
 - ▶ Other?
- ▶ Additional topics, time allowing:
 - ▶ Hospital measures
 - ▶ Monitoring measures
 - ▶ Cost measures

2025 WSCMS Biennial Review Document

- ▶ Finish Effective Management Of Chronic Illness section
 - ▶ Patient experience measures
 - ▶ Statin Therapy
- ▶ Avoiding Overuse (5 measures)
- ▶ Effective Hospital-Based Care (May want defer)

Measure Selection Criteria – Required by legislation

1. The measure set is of manageable size.
2. Measures are based on readily available health care insurance claims and/or clinical data, and survey data.
3. Preference should be given to nationally-vetted measures (e.g., NQF-endorsed) and other measures currently used by public agencies.
4. Measures assess overall system performance, including outcomes and cost.
5. The measure set is aligned to the extent possible with the Governor's performance management system measures and common measures specific to the Medicaid program.
6. The measure set considers the needs of different stakeholders and populations served.
7. The measure set is useable by multiple parties (payers, providers, hospitals, health systems, public health and communities).

Measure Selection Criteria – Added by the Committee

1. Measures should be aligned with national measure sets and other measure sets commonly used in Washington, whenever possible.
2. Measures should have significant potential to improve health system performance in a way that will positively impact health outcomes (including morbidity, disability, mortality, health equity, and quality of life) and reduce costs.
3. Measures should be amenable to influence of health care providers.
4. There should be a sufficient numerator and denominator size for each measure to produce valid and reliable results.

Public Comment

Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD, HCA

Public Comment

- ▶ Please enter your question or comment into the chat box
- ▶ If you prefer to speak, enter your name into the chat box and unmute yourself when called upon
- ▶ If speaking, please limit your comments to 2 minutes

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD, HCA

Wrap Up/Next steps

- ▶ PMCC members will continue to discuss final core set recommendations and removals.
 - ▶ Please note: If you have not completed the required PMCC membership application and OPMA training, you will not be able to vote.
- ▶ Next Meeting:
 - ▶ October 13, 2025
 - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 - Sue Crystal, HCA/Teams
 - ▶ Agenda topics:
 - Initial Committee vote for Core and Removal measures
 - Discussion (and maybe) initial vote for remaining measures
 - Supplementary measures
 - Monitoring
 - Hospital
 - Send additional questions to hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov ATTN: Heleena H. and Laura P.