

## Measure Inventories

The following measure inventories contain a range of measures that may align with your chosen topic or population. Please be aware when reviewing measure inventories that many measures have only subtle differences. Be sure to choose measures that fit your topic or your population, and consider appropriate time horizons for measurement. For instance, long-term chronic disease outcomes may be more difficult to capture than shorter-term measures.

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services ([HHS Measures Inventory](#)) presents all measures currently being used or under development by HHS agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This repository, hosted by AHRQ and the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse, allows you to identify measures based on clinical conditions or areas (e.g., mental health and substance-related care, preventive care); care delivery setting (e.g., community health center, hospital/acute care); data source (e.g., claims data, electronic health record); and other parameters. The inventory also describes measures and defines the measure's numerator and denominator.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ([CMS Measures Inventory](#)) presents measures used across CMS programs. The measures vary by their stage in measure development, measure type (i.e., process, intermediate, outcome), National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsement status, as well as the measure steward. In addition to defining the numerator and denominator for each measure, the inventory defines the setting for measure use, level of reporting, and type of data source needed.
- The [2016 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set \(HEDIS\)](#) is used by many health plans to measure performance. Some HEDIS measures overlap with those in the HHS and CMS inventories. HEDIS measures are endorsed by the NQF, while some measures included in the HHS and CMS inventories are not. The National Committee for Quality Assurance develops HEDIS measures using a rigorous multi-step process and updates the measures annually.
- Integrated Healthcare Association's [Comparison of Existing Performance Measurement Programs in California Crosswalk](#) shows existing measurement requirements for plans and providers, including the California Department of Health Care Services' External Accountability Set, Integrated Healthcare Association's Value Based Pay for Performance program, CMS' Medicare Advantage star ratings, and the Federal Quality Rating System for Covered California.
- A [guide](#) from Catalyst for Payment Reform suggests candidate health measures by clinical topics that tend to account for the most healthcare spending. They may help you to address higher-cost areas and facilitate conversations with purchaser and payers.