

FAQ #2

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How will Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) measures be established for 2008?

The proposed 2008 PQRI quality measures will be published in the Federal Register as a part of the 2008 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Proposed Rule. This will provide interested parties a two-month opportunity for public comment. The 2008 PQRI measures will be finalized in the 2008 PFS Final Rule, and posted to the CMS PQRI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI>. The Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA) requires that 2008 PQRI measures must be endorsed or adopted by a consensus organization, such as the National Quality Forum (NQF) or AQA Alliance, and that each measure have been developed using a consensus-based process. TRHCA further specifies that the 2008 PQRI measures must include two or more measures submitted by a physician specialty and two or more structural measures, such as the use of electronic health records (EHRs) or electronic prescribing.