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## EQIP Subgroup

March Meeting

03/15/2024

# Agenda

- Advanced Care Planning Quality Measure Opportunity
- PY2 Data Release Schedule
- PY4 Episode Grouper
  - PACES Overview
  - Additional Analysis
  - Next Steps
- Upcoming Meetings

# PY2 Data Release Schedule

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- Quarterly release of performance data was scheduled for next Friday, March 22nd
- Change Healthcare is experiencing a network interruption related to a cyber security issue
- Teams are working 24/7 to get everything up and running while ensuring all data is secure
- We expect a significant delay in the quarterly data release
- As soon as Change Healthcare has solutions to share regarding EQIP data processing, we will be reaching out to you



# PY4 Episode Grouping

# Prometheus Contract Ends Dec 2024 – What Next?

## PROMETHEUS Considerations



Development since 2006, currently acquired by Change Healthcare (part of Optum)



Promotes coordination and collaboration across the continuum of care at the specialist level



97 episodes grouped into clinically relevant areas: Procedural, Acute, Chronic and Other



Alignment with CareFirst's episode program



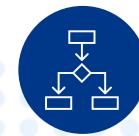
Detailed grouper methodology is a 'black box'



Prometheus episode development has stalled. HSCRC must create custom episodes outside of the 97 available.

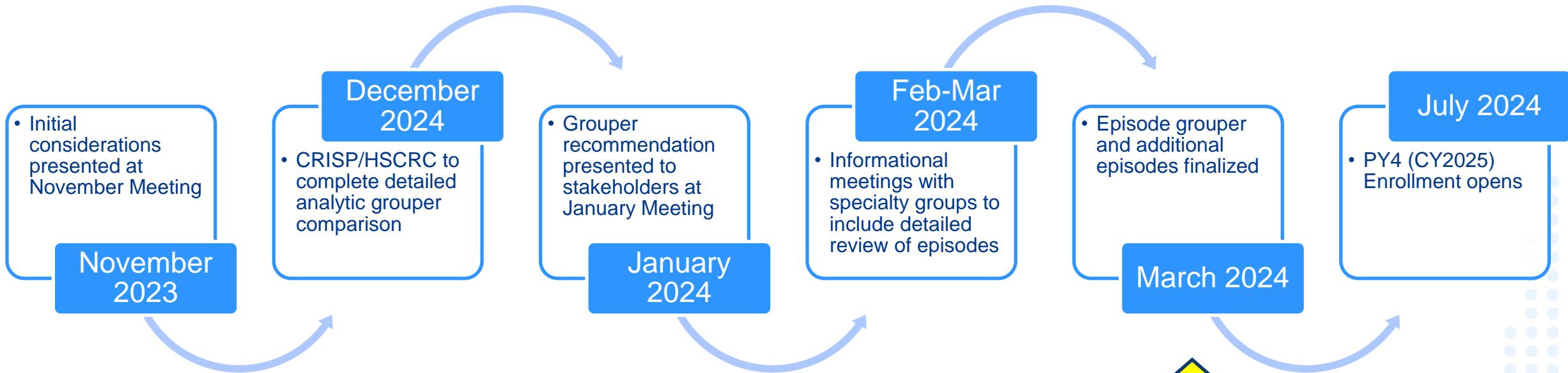


Limited to quarterly data runs for performance data



CareFirst's considering future strategy

# Episode Grouper Decision Timeline



Recorded specialty meetings and playbooks can be found on the [CRISP Learning System](#) and [MedChi EQIP Website](#)

- Playbooks: <https://www.crisphealth.org/learning-system/eqip/paces/>

# EQIP Episode Grouping – PY4

- After extensive analysis and meetings with specialty stakeholders, the HSCRC will move forward with utilizing Patient-Centered Episodes of Care System (PACES) for EQIP, starting in PY4.
  - While many PACES episodes are undergoing final clinical review and updates, the system offers much more complete coverage than PROMETHEUS and paves the way for easier, more seamless program expansion in future years.
  - Current EQIP episode categories are well-covered by finalized PACES categories
  - Overall, a high degree of alignment has been found for episodes currently available under EQIP
  - **Transparency:** All episode definitions are open-source, and all the details of the grouping logic are available. There is no "black box."
  - PACES is NOT a software as a service offering, allowing HSCRC/CRISP can run monthly performance reporting using PACES definitions



# Current Fully Vetted Episode Inventory

## PROCEDURES = 42

### Cardiology/CV

- Cardiac Catheterization
- CABG
- Percutaneous Cardiac Intervention
- Open Heart Valve Surgery
- Pacemaker Insertion

### General Surgery

- Mastectomy
- Ventral Hernia Repair
- Inguinal Hernia Repair
- Breast Reconstruction

### GI

- Cholecystectomy
- Colonoscopy
- Colectomy
- EGD Endoscopy
- Bariatric Surgery
- ERCP
- GE Reflux Surgery

### GU

- TURP
- Prostatectomy
- Urinary Endoscopy

### OB/GYN

- Colpopexy
- Colporrhaphy
- C-section
- Vaginal Delivery

### Ophthalmology

- Cataract Surgery IOL
- Cataract Surgery Secondary Membranous
- Glaucoma Surgery
- Retina and Vitreous Procedures
- Retina/Choroid Destructive Therapy

### Ortho Surgery

- Hip Replacement
- Knee Replacement
- Knee Arthroscopy
- Shoulder Arthroscopy/Rotator Cuff Repair
- Shoulder Replacement
- Lumbar and Sacral Spine Surgery
- Fracture/Dislocation Treatment Pelvis/Hip/Femur
- Repair Fracture/Dislocation of Arm, Wrist, Hand
- Repair Fracture/Dislocation of Lower Leg, Ankle, Foot

### Thoracic Surgery

- Lung Resection

### Vascular Surgery

- Leg Vein Ablation
- Leg Revascularization
- Leg Vein Angioplasty
- AV Fistula Creation and Revision



## CONDITIONS = 51

### Cardiology

- Acute MI
- HF Acute
- HF Chronic
- IHD
- Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Acute
- Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Chronic
- Chronic HTN, Essential
- Chronic HTN, Secondary

### Endocrine

- Diabetes
- Diabetic Ketoacidosis
- Hyperosmolar Non-Ketotic Coma
- Hypoglycemia
- Osteoporosis

### ENT

- Sleep Apnea
- Acute Sinusitis
- Chronic Sinusitis

### GI

- Chronic Cholecystitis
- Diverticulitis of Colon
- C-Difficile Colitis
- Acute Cholecystitis
- Acute Intestine Perforation
- Chronic Esophagitis
- Acute Peptic Ulcer
- Chronic Peptic Ulcer
- Acute UGI Bleed/Hemorrhage
- Chronic UGI Bleeding Other

### Hematology

- Acute DVT Extremity
- Chronic Anemia

### ID

- Cellulitis

### Musculoskeletal

- Osteoarthritis
- Spine Stenosis/Spondylosis, Cervical
- Low Back Pain
- Spine Stenosis/Spondylosis Thoracic

### Neuro

- Acute Ischemic Stroke
- Parkinsons DX

### OB/GYN

- Pregnancy

### Oncology

- Colon Ca
- Lung Ca
- Breast Ca

### Ophthalmology

- Macular Degeneration

### Primary Care

- UTI
- Diabetes

### Pulmonary

- Acute URI
- Acute PE
- Pneumonia
- Asthma
- COPD

### Rheumatology

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Osteoarthritis

### Vascular

- Abd Aneurysm
- Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm
- Peripheral ASVD
- Varicose Veins (Venous Insufficiency Varicosities)

New PY4 Request

### Add. PACES Episodes (to be finalized):

- GU device / catheter complications
- Decubitus Ulcer
- Allergic Dermatitis Urticaria
- Sepsis, SIRS
- Other/nos – sepsis
- SIRS Other Secondarily

# HSCRC Additional Analysis and Policy Development

- HSCRC to complete further analysis on the following clinical episodes:
  - Prostatectomy
  - Lumbar Laminectomy
  - Lumbar Spine
- In certain cases, particularly Cardiology episodes, PACES breaks out differentiated episodes that are implicitly combined under PROMETHEUS. This will require review of enrollment to ensure continued eligibility.
- Finalize custom PACES episodes lengths (please see appendix for default lengths)
  - Colonoscopy, Upper GI Endoscopy
- PACES, in collaboration with clinical experts are finalizing 1-2 behavioral health episodes for PY4 and developing new BH episodes for future years

# HSCRC Next Steps

- Review and consolidated discussion input for policy consideration
- Make available individual PACES episode playbooks for review
- Meet with practices, as requested, for further discussion of specific clinical domains
- Publish recommended enrollment transition guides
- Finalize and publish episode inclusion policy
- Publish updated data release schedule to reflect monthly performance data updates, starting March 2025 for PY4



# Upcoming Meetings

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- Next EQIP Subgroup:
  - Fri 4/19 9-10a
- EQIP Primary Care Workgroup:
  - Wed 3/27 11-12a
  - Wed 4/17 11-12a
  - Wed 5/15 11-12a

*Please reach out to [equip@crisphealth.org](mailto:equip@crisphealth.org) to be added to distribution lists*



# Thank you!

*Next Meeting: April 19, 2024*



# Appendix

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# Episode Specifications – PY1 Episode Categories

\* Currently under consideration for parameter modification for closer alignment with current program

Episode Category	Look Back Period (Prometheus)	Episode Length (Prometheus)	Look Back Period (PACES)	Close Period (PACES)	Episode Length (PACES)
Colonoscopy*	3	14	30	90	120
Pacemaker / Defibrillator	7	30	30	90	120
Acute Myocardial Infarction*	-	30	3	90	93
Coronary Angioplasty	30	90	30	90	120
Colorectal Resection	30	90	30	90	120
Gall Bladder Surgery	30	90	30	90	120
Upper GI Endoscopy*	3	14	30	90	120
Hip Replacement & Revision	30	90	30	90	120
Knee Arthroscopy	30	90	30	90	120
Knee Replacement & Revision	30	90	30	90	120
Shoulder Replacement	30	90	30	90	120
CABG &/or Valve Procedures	30	90	30	90	120
Hip/Pelvic Fracture	-	30	3	90	93
Lumbar Laminectomy	30	90	30	90	120
Lumbar Spine Fusion	30	180	30	90	120



# Episode Specifications – PY2 Episode Categories

*\* Currently under consideration for parameter modification for closer alignment with current program*

Episode Category	Look Back Period (Prometheus)	Episode Length (Prometheus)	Look Back Period (PACES)	Close Period (PACES)	Episode Length (PACES)
Asthma	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Glaucoma	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Low Back Pain	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Osteoarthritis	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Allergic Rhinitis/Chronic Sinusitis	30	End of Study	30	End of Study	End of Study
Cataract Surgery*	3	14	30	90	120
Prostatectomy	30	90	30	90	120
Transurethral resection prostate	30	90	30	90	120
Acute CHF / pulm edema (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Cellulitis Skin Infection (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Catheter Associated UTIs (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Decubitus Ulcer (SRF)	0	30	30	End of Study	End of Study
Dermatitis Urticaria (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Deep Vein Throm/Pulm Embolism (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Sepsis (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93
Urinary Tract Infection (SRF)	0	30	3	90	93