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## EQIP Subgroup

March Meeting

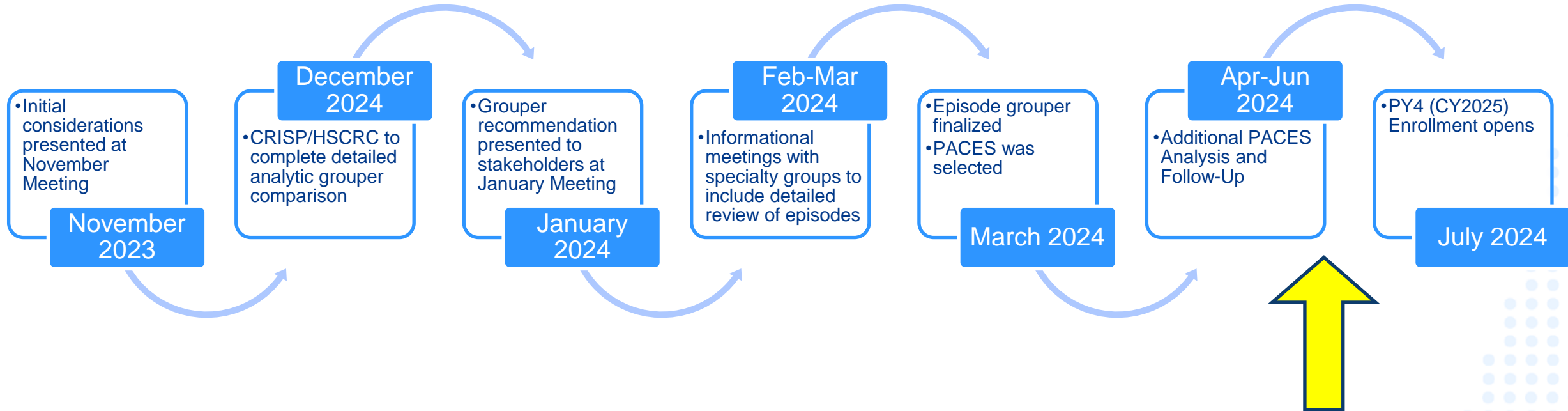
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# Agenda

- PY4 Episode Grouper
  - Grouper Timeline
  - PACES Episode Selection
  - HSCRC Next Steps
- Practice Transformation Grant

# PY4 Episode Grouping

# Episode Grouper Decision Timeline



Recorded meetings and playbooks can be found: <https://www.crisphealth.org/learning-system/eqip/paces/>

# PACES Episode Selection and Finalization

- Custom PACES Episodes:
  - Episodes lengths: Colonoscopy, Upper GI Endoscopy
- New PACES Episodes:
  - Rheumatoid Arthritis
  - Rotator Cuff
- 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

- Make available individual PACES episode playbooks for review
- Complete further analysis on the following:
  - Prostatectomy
  - Cardiology Episodes
  - Lumbar Laminectomy / Lumbar Spine
- Review of enrollment to ensure continued eligibility
- Publish recommended enrollment transition guides
- Publish updated data release schedule to reflect monthly performance data updates, starting March 2025 for PY4
- Meet with practices, as requested, for further discussion of specific clinical domains



# Practice Transformation Grant

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# Practice Transformation Grant (PTG) Introduction and Overview

- HSCRC identified varying readiness levels among EQIP entities and aims to support them through the EQIP PTG program.
- The PTG program utilizes EQIP Year 1 savings to reinvest in practice transformation efforts for improved performance and patient outcomes.
- Provide resources and investments such as a care management, data analysis, and EHR updates.
- Includes program overview, timeline, management plan and budget, targeting initiation in January 2025.



# EQIP PTG Program Goals and Major Activities

- Goal:
  - Enhance EQIP entity readiness and overall performance in episode-based incentive programs.
- Major Activities
  - Pre-program evaluation of EQIP entities' readiness
  - Awarding grants in two annual installments aligned with EQIP performance periods.
  - Routine reviews and coaching by HSCRC's practice transformation coaches.
  - Financial settlement post-grant period.

# PTG Program Eligibility and Funding

- Program Eligibility
  - EQIP Entities committed to the upcoming performance year.
  - Did not receive shared savings in PY1 or PY2.
- Funding
  - Will be provided by HSCRC dependent on the needs of the practice.

# Program Options Menu

- Data Analysis
  - Data extraction and analysis to provide actionable items to improve quality
- EHR Optimization
  - EHR data analytics and reporting
  - Standardized Templates
  - Software Updates/Upgrades/Security
  - Interoperability Enhancements

# Program Options Menu

- **HCC Performance Improvement**
  - Chart audits to ensure you are receiving accurate reimbursements; improved KPIs; improved quality metrics and clinical documentation
- **Care Management**
  - Care Manager/Care Coordinator
- **Practice Transformation/Performance Improvement**
  - Engaged and Committed Leadership
  - Efficiency of Operations
  - Quality Improvement Strategy
  - Team-based relationships



# Upcoming Meetings

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Next EQIP Subgroup:
  - Fri 5/17 9-11a
- EQIP Primary Care Workgroup:
  - Wed 5/15 11-12a
  - Wed 6/19 11-12a

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# Thank you!

*Next Meeting: May 17, 2024*