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EQIP Subgroup

March Meeting

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Agenda


- Update on AHEAD Model
- Program Manager Transition Announcement
- CRS Migration to CRISP Portal
- PY3 & PY4 Data Release Schedule
- Updated List of PY 5 Episodes
- EQIP Practice Transformation Grant
- Rebasing Discussion
- Quality Metrics

Program Manager Transition Announcement

Welcome

- I'm Kim Dixon, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Program Manager for the EQIP Program.


What's Changing?

- Jessica Heslop has transitioned to a new department within CRISP and is no longer managing the EQIP program.
- To ensure timely responses to your questions or concerns, **please email:**
 **eqip@crisphealth.org**
- Please do not email Jessica directly — as she's actively focused on her new role, responses may be delayed.

I am looking forward to working together to support your success in the EQIP Program!

CRS Migration to CRISP Portal

EQIP Entity Portal Migrating to CRISP Portal



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PRODUCT UPDATES

CHRISTAL FORTE

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HOME

Search Applications & Reports

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First Name *

Last Name *

Date of Birth *

Gender

SSN

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Search Results

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Address	Match Score
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Your Dashboard

For applications requiring patient context, please start by using the Patient Search interface above.

Reports

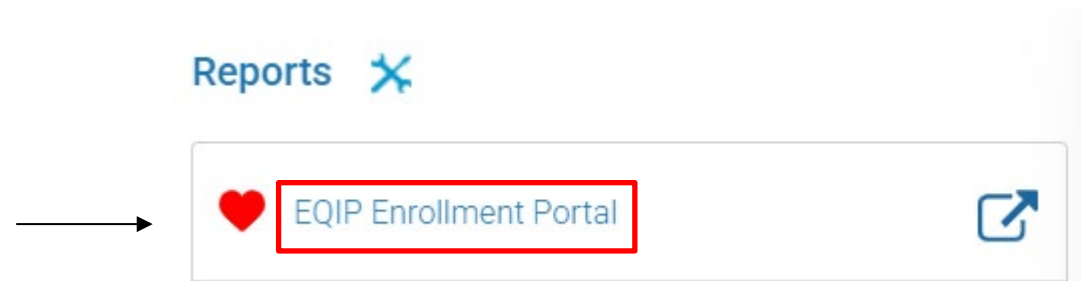
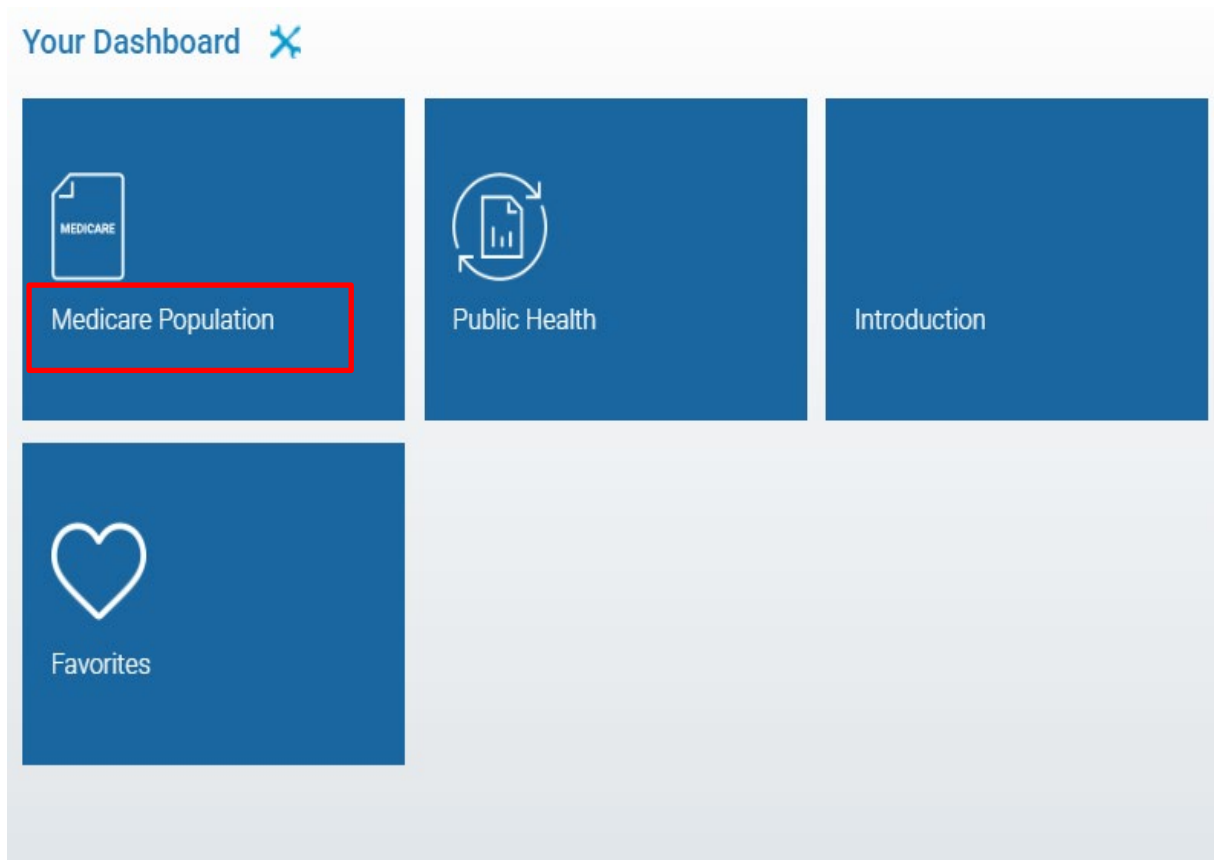
Reports Role Manager

Provider Directory

Referral Portal

User Guide & Help

EQIP Entity Portal Migrating to CRISP Portal



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EQIP Entity Portal

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Program Links & Information

[HSCRC EQIP Program Page](#)
[EEP User Guide](#)
[EQIP Help](#)
[CRISP Learning Collaborative Forum](#)

Program period:

EQIP Entity:

Enrollment

[Start Enrollment Process](#)

[Revise Enrollment Process](#)

[Add Administrative Proxy](#)

Program Management

[Care Partner Dashboard](#)

[Edit / View Episode & Intervention Selection](#)

Program Data

Enrollment Status Tracker

Enrollment:

Care Partner Vetting:

Care Partner Contracting:



Enrollment is now closed

Enrollment for the next performance period will open July 1st next year.

EQIP Entity Portal Migrating to CRISP Portal

- In the next two weeks, the EQIP team will be sending out emails to confirm portal access for all existing participants
- Please ensure that you respond to the email for your portal access to be up and running prior to June 30th for open enrollment!

Data Release Schedule

EEP - Tentative Release Date Schedule

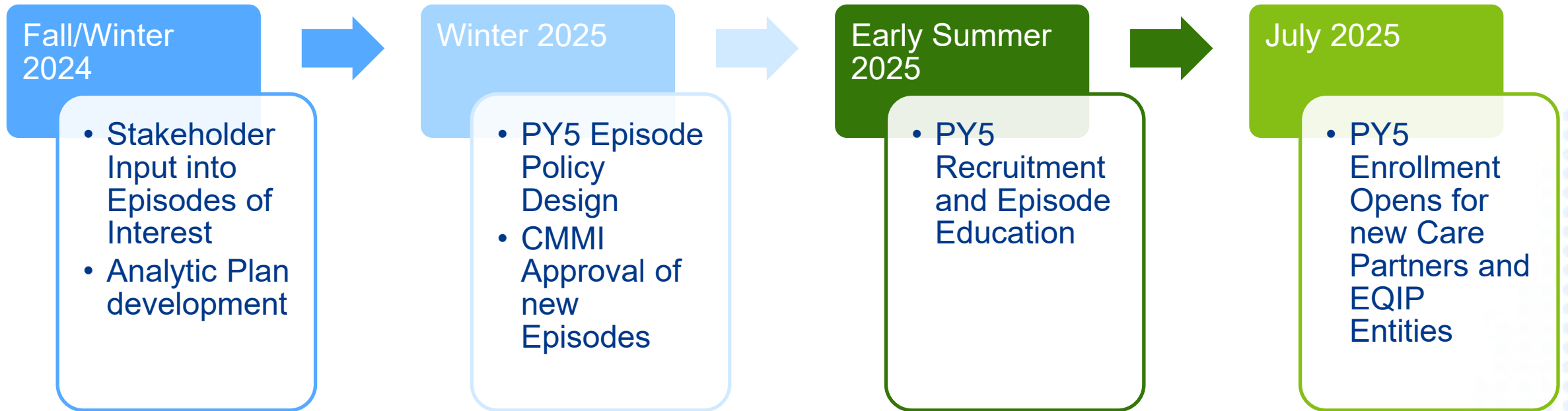
PY3 Data (Prometheus)	Proposed Release Date
Episodes Ending Q3	April 2025 (mid to late)
Episodes Ending Q4	June 2025

PY4 Data (PACES)	Proposed Release Date
Baseline PY4	TBD
PY4 – Episodes Ending January	June 2025
PY4 – Episodes Ending February	July 2025
PY4 – Episodes Ending March	Aug 2025
PY4 – Episodes Ending April	Sep 2025

Note: All release dates are proposed and subject to change

PY5 Episodes

Performance Year Five (CY2026) Episode Development Process



PY5 Episode Development

- 76 New PACES Episodes of Interest
 - Assess new episode requests to ensure they meet volume requirements and align with EQIP program goals.
 - We will update you on all the new episodes for PY5, once that assessment has been finalized.
- 9 New Episode Development Requests
- We plan to leverage the extensive PACES catalogue to continue to add episodes for future performance years

PACES Episodes

Clinical Category	Episode Name
Blood and Blood Forming Organs	anemia chronic
	aplastic anemia
	neutropenia (acute)
Burns	1st/2nd degree burn
Circulatory System, Cardiology	acute myocardial infarction
	atrial fibrillation/flutter (chronic)
	AV fistula creation and revision
	CABG and/or valve procedures
	heart failure (acute)
	heart failure (chronic)
	hypertension complic, malig acute
	hypertension essential (chronic)
	hypertension secondary (chronic)
	leg vein angioplasty
	pacemaker/defibrillator
	percutaneous cardiac intervention
	pericarditis, inflammatory
Digestive System, Hepatobiliary, Gastroenterology	anal/rectal fissur/ulcer
	Bariatric surgery
	Cholecystectomy
	Colectomy
	Colonoscopy
	crohn's disease
	diverticulitis of colon
	diverticulosis of intestine(chronic)
	EGD endoscopy
	ERCP
	esophageal varices(chronic)
	esophagitis (chronic)
	Sigmoidoscopy
Ear, Nose, Mouth & Throat, Allergy	small bowel resection
	asthma
	allergic rhinitis/chronic sinusitis
	epistaxis
	sinusitis acute

Clinical Category	Episode Name
Endocr, Nutritional & Metabolic	diabetes
	diabetic circulatory complications
	diabetic ketoacidosis dka (acute)
	diabetic neuropathy
	diabetic retinopathy
	ds of lipid metabolism
	hemochromatosis
	hyperosmolarity non-ketotic coma (acute)
	Hypoglycemia (acute)
	Obesity hypoventilation syndrome
Eye, Ophthalmology	osteoporosis
	Cataract surgery IOL
	Glaucoma
	Glaucoma surgery
	macular degeneration
Female Reproductive System	macular pucker
	breast biopsy
General	Breast reconstruction
	Appendectomy
	Repair inguinal hernia
	repair umbilical or ventral hernia
	Repair ventral hernia
Infectious Disease	cellulitis, trunk and extremities
Kidney and Urinary Tract Disease, Urology	acute kidney failure
	chronic kidney disease - dialysis dependent (chronic)
	chronic kidney disease - not dialysis dependent (chronic)
	TURP
	Gu device/catheter complications
	uti
	prostatectomy
Mental Behavioral Health, Behavioral Health	anxiety ds (chronic)
	recurrent depression
	single manic episode

All episodes highlighted blue are current PY4 episodes*

PACES Episodes (cont.)

Clinical Category	Episode Name
Musculoskeletal System & Connect, Orthopedics	carpal tunnel surgery
	Cervical Fusion
	Cervical Replacement
	Fracture/dislocation treatment arm/wrist/hand
	Fracture/dislocation treatment knee
	HIP Replacement
	hip/femur/pelvis fracture repair
	joint nos ganglion/cyst
	Knee arthroscopy
	Knee replacement
	low back pain
	Lumbar and sacral spine surgery OTHER
	Lumbar and sacral spine surgery OTHER
	lumbar decompression
	lumbar fusion
	osteoarthritis
	paraplegia
	rheumatoid arthritis
	rotator cuff repair
	Shoulder Arthroscopy/Tendon Repair
Neoplasms and Myeloproliferativ	Mastectomy
Nervous System	acute ischemic stroke
	dementia
	parkinsons ds
	transient ischemic attack
Respiratory System, Pulmonary/Critical Care	deep vein throm/pulm embolism
	pneumonia
	sepsis
	copd
	acute uri simple
Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue, Dermatology	dermatitis, urticaria
	decubitus ulcer, unspecified
	cellulitis, skin infection

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EQIP Practice Transformation Grant Program

EQIP Practice Transformation Grant (PTG) Update

- This program has been delayed due to recent federal policy changes. At this time, we do not have a revised timeline but will keep you informed as we receive further guidance from CMMI.
 - Notification emails were sent out to the participants on 2/25/25.

Any questions please reach out to equip@crisphealth.org.



Rebasing Discussion

Rebasing

- **Current EQIP Baseline Period is 2019**
- **Reasons to Consider Updating the Baseline**
 - **Outdated:** Baseline period will be 7 years old for performance year 5 (PY5).
 - **Provider churn:** Influx of new providers
 - EQIP requires that 75% of the providers participating have data from the baseline period.
 - There are other policy changes that could address this issue.
 - **Availability of post pandemic data:**
 - Data from 2022 onwards reflects the current healthcare delivery system, especially regarding service location mix.
 - **Program design:**
 - Reduce payments relative to site of service mix changes where there has been considerable change outside the program.
 - Ensure performance under Total Cost of Care (TCOC) model.
 - Evaluation results with matched cases and controls may highlight challenges with using outdated baseline.
 - **AHEAD** uses 2023 baseline
- **Only Emergency Department episodes will use 2023 as the baseline period in PY5 and moving forward**

Quality Metrics

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Current Quality Measures PY4

NQF#326 — Advanced Care Plan

- *(Ensures that patients have an advanced care plan documented in their medical record.)*

NQF#419 — Documentation of Current Medications in Medical Record

- *(Requires accurate documentation of current medications in a patient's medical record.)*

MIPS#128 — Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up *(to be replaced)*

- *(Monitors and promotes regular BMI screening and appropriate follow-up care.)*

Quality Measures PY5

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Proposed Measures to Replace MIPS#128 with:

CMS#165v11 — Controlling High Blood Pressure

- *(Patients 18-85 with diagnosis of hypertension, BP < 140/90 mmHg)*

CMS#122v11 — Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control {Inverse Measure}

- *(Patients 18-75 with diabetes, A1c > 9% indicates poor control)*

Thank you!