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EQIP Subgroup

September Meeting

09/18/2026

Agenda

- Rural Health Update
- QP PY2 - Update (Pull from Commission slides)
- PY6 Enrollment Updates & Next Steps
 - Update on PY6 Enrollment
 - CMS Care Partner Eligibility Review
 - Annual Care Partner Threshold Review
 - Care partner Email clean up
 - Care Partner Arrangement Process
- PY4 Review and Incentive Payments
- Practice Transformation Grant Update
- PY7 Episodes
- Data Release Timeline
- Resources, Tools and Support

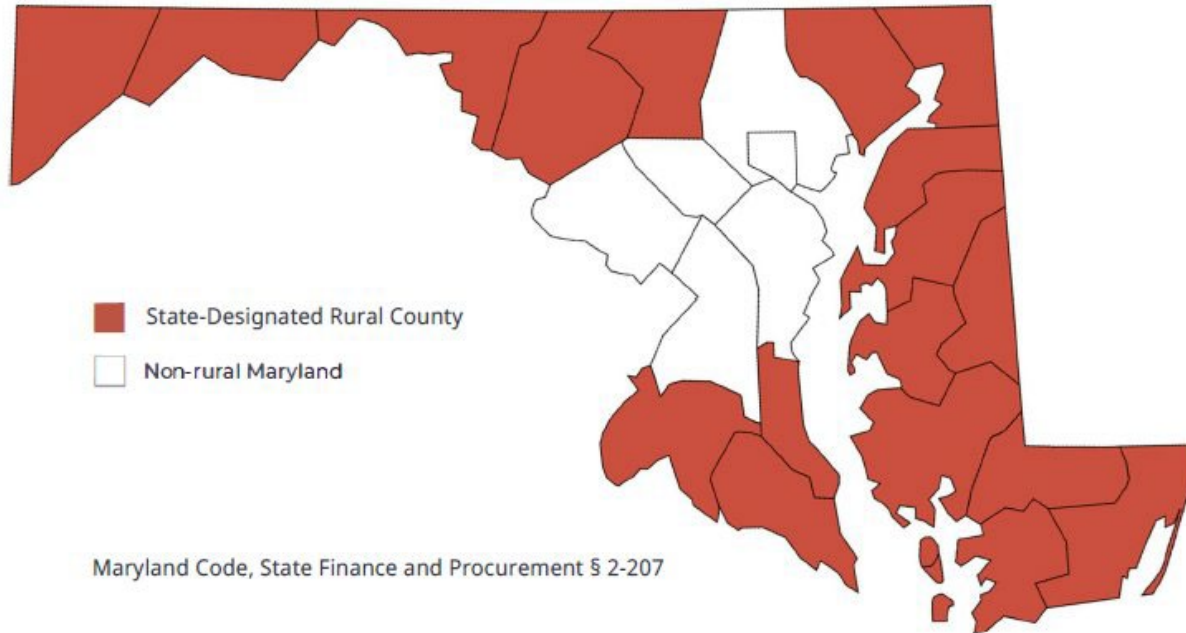
Rural Health Connectivity Program

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What is the Rural Health Connectivity Program?

- Offers funding to eligible providers for connecting to CRISP with one or more of the following:
 - Milestone 1: ADT Feed
 - Milestone 2: CCD Feed
 - Milestone 3: InContext
- The program will increase the availability of timely clinical data for care teams and the rural communities they serve
- Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability

Who Qualifies?



- HIPAA covered providers located in rural Maryland or with a majority of patients from rural Maryland may be eligible for funding under this program.
- Rural Maryland is defined under Maryland Law:
 - Allegany, Garrett, Washington, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Carroll, Frederick, and Harford Counties

Rural Health Connectivity Program - CRISP | CRISP

Prerequisite Requirements	Deliverable	Payment
• Basic On-Boarding requirements • Executed Memorandum of Understanding	• Prerequisite Attestation • MOU	\$2,000

Milestone Description	Deliverable	Payment
M1: Practice's EHR establishes ADT feed with CRISP The ADT interface enables real-time sharing of admission, discharge, & transfer events across Maryland's healthcare settings.	Attestation A	\$7,500
M2: Practice's EHR establishes CCD feed with CRISP The CCD interface enables the exchange of standardized clinical care documents for patients across Maryland's healthcare settings.	Attestation B	\$7,500
M3: Establish InContext Outbound Connection with CRISP Complete the CRISP InContext interface workflow, which enables clinicians to access CRISP's patient data — such as lab results, encounter history, imaging reports, CCDs, alerts, and care coordination information — directly from within their own EHR.	Attestation C	\$8,000
All practices will receive \$500 for each eligible FTE provider (MD, PA, NP, DO) per practice upon completion of the clinical data interface. This will be included in the final payment.	Attestation D	\$500/FTE Provider (up to \$15,000)
Maximum Potential Payment per Organization		\$40,000

Quality Payment Program (QP) Update

QP Incentive Payment Issue and Resolution

Background

- During performance year 2 (PY2), there was an issue with the processing of Qualifying Practitioners (QP) determinations and incentive payments.
- As a result, some eligible practitioners:
 - Did **not** receive their QP incentive payment, and/or
 - Were incorrectly assessed a Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) penalty.

CMS Action

- CMS agreed to remove MIPS penalties associated with the error.

HSCRC Action

- HSCRC is establishing a process for Practitioners and entities to apply for compensation for missed QP incentive payments.
- Eligible Practitioners impacted by the error may receive an estimated payment based on available data.

HSCRC QP Application and Payment

Fall 2026: Application Period Opens

- Entities submit applications on behalf of affected practitioners
- Applicants must provide supporting documentation demonstrating eligibility for the PY2 payment
- CRISP/HSCRC reviews and vets each application
- Eligibility and payment amounts verified
- All applications must be submitted by the established year-end deadline

CY 2027: Payment Distribution

- Approved applications will be forwarded for payment processing to eligible practitioners

PY 6 Enrollment Updates

PY6 Application Stats

Current Stats

- **260** number of entities have applied
- **144** number of episodes
- **7,764** number of providers (before Vetting)
 - Provider List sent off to CMS for vetting eligible vs ineligible Care Providers

PY5 to PY6 Program Growth

Metric	PY5	PY6	Change	Growth %
Entities	205	260	+55	+26.8%
Episodes	123	144	+21	+17.1%
Care Partners	4,775	7,764	+2,989	+62.6 %

New EQIP Entities: Complete Your Onboarding

Your **CRISP Account Manager** will contact your organization to complete any remaining onboarding requirements.

- **During this process, you may be asked to:**
 - Sign a Participation Agreement, if one is not already on file.
 - Upload your organization's patient panel to support onboarding and services activation.
 - Review and complete any outstanding onboarding activities.
- **What to Expect**
 - ✓ Outreach from your assigned CRISP Account Manager
 - ✓ Guidance throughout the onboarding process
 - ✓ Support with required documentation and patient panel submission
- **Questions?**
 - For questions related to onboarding, CRISP Tools, reports tile and CRISP HIE access, reach out to your CRISP Account Manager
 - For questions related to EQIP, EQIP Portal, etc., please reach out to equip@crisphealth.org.

CMS Care Partner Eligibility Review

CMS Eligibility Verification Process

- The list of applied Care Partners (CP) has been submitted to CMS for eligibility verification
- CMS reviews each CP NPI to confirm eligibility and good standing for participation in CMS programs.
- Once CMS completes its review, the EQIP team will notify entities of any CPs identified as ineligible, via the EQIP Portal.
- Eligibility determinations are made solely by CMS and are outside of EQIP's authority to modify or overturn.
- Care Partners deemed ineligible by CMS will be removed from participation for PY6.

*****Please note that all decisions regarding eligibility is based on CMS's evaluation. If there are concerns, please reach out to [CMS/PECOS](#)***



Annual Care Partner Threshold Review

Annual Compliance Review

Each year, EQIP conducts a review of care partner attribution to ensure entities meet the required baseline claims threshold

Threshold Requirements

1. Entities with more than 10 care partners: At least 75% of care partners must have claims in the 2019 baseline year.
2. Entities with 10 or few care partners: At least 50% of care partners must have claims in the 2019 baseline year.

If your entity does not meet the threshold, you will be notified via email.



Annual Care Partner Threshold Review

Email Notification will include:

- The EQIP team will identify entities that fall below the threshold.
- Impacted entities will receive an email notification that includes:
 - Current threshold review results
 - A list of care partners eligible for removal
 - Minimum number of care partners that must be removed to meet the threshold
 - Instructions for submitting removal requests

New for PY6

- The entity will submit the removal requests through the portal.
- Email notifications will provide instructions for submitting a removal request through the portal.
- This enhanced process streamlines care partner updates and improves tracking of submitted requests.

Care Partner Arrangement – Distribution & Responsibilities

CPA Distribution Process

- CPAs will be sent directly to each individual Care Partner via DocuSign (Mid-Fall)
- *A copy of the CPA will be sent to one (1) designated Admin Proxy

Responsibility for Completion

- Care Partners and the designated Admin Proxy are responsible for ensuring all CPAs are:
 - Reviewed
 - Signed
 - Returned by the deadline

Status Tracking

- The CRP (Meritus) will distribute CPAs via DocuSign
- The Team will update the portal as status information is received from Meritus including
 - Signed CPAs
 - Unsigned CPAs

****If you want to designate an Admin Proxy, please fill out [this form](#). Otherwise the EQIP team will choose the first Admin Proxy on your entity list.***



CPA Contact Information Verification

Verify Care Partner Information in Portal

- Please review your Care Partner List and ensure:
 - All Care Partner email addresses are accurate and spelled correctly.
 - Each email address is current and actively monitored by the Care Partner
 - Care Partners have been informed that they will receive a DocuSign request via email.

Critical Requirement

- Each Care Partner MUST have their own unique email address
- Multiple CPAs will not be sent to the same email address
- Shared email addresses need to be corrected immediately within the portal
- Download the Care Partner list, update only records requiring correction, and remove all Care Partners that do not need changes prior to submission.

How to Update Care Partner Information

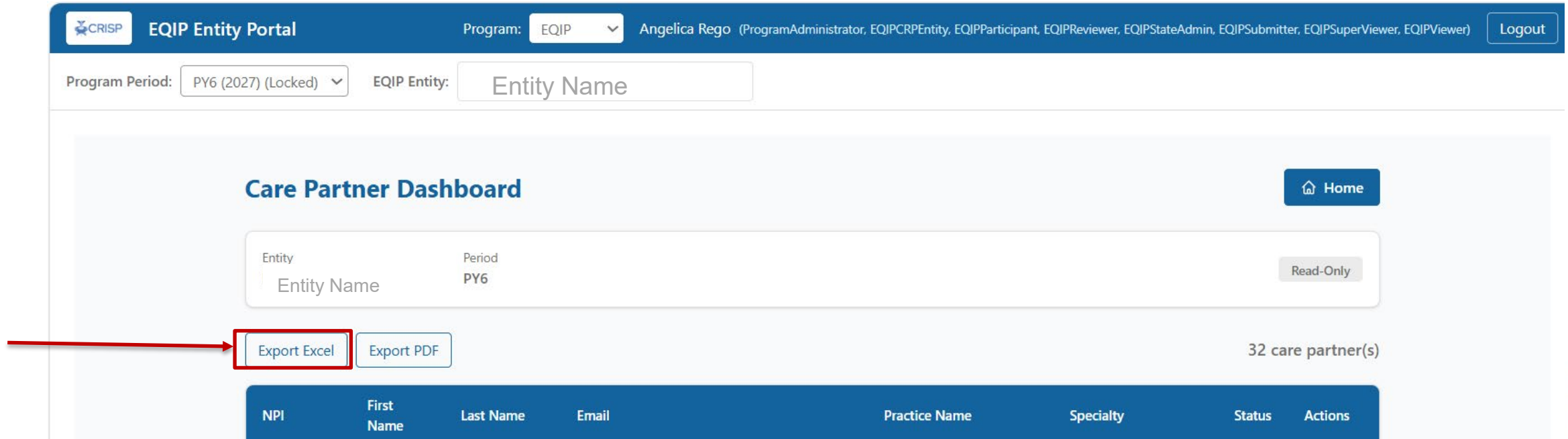
1. Click on "Care Partner Dashboard" in the EQIP Enrollment Portal (EEP)

The screenshot shows the EQIP Entity Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CRISP logo, the title "EQIP Entity Portal", and user information for Angelica Rego. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for "Program Period" (PY6 (2027) (Locked)) and "EQIP Entity" (Entity Name). The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Program Links & Information:** Includes links to EEP User Guide, EEP Reports Guide, EQIP Policy Guide, EQIP Help, HSCRC EQIP Program Page, and CRISP Learning Collaborative Forum.
- Enrollment Deadline:** States "This enrollment period is closed (ended August 21, 2026)".
- Status Tracker:** Shows enrollment status as "Submitted" and care partner vetting and contracting as "0 of 32 Vetted" and "0 of 32 Signed" respectively.
- Enrollment:** Includes buttons for "Review Enrollment Submission" and "Manage Administrative Proxies".
- Program Data:** Includes buttons for "View Baseline Data", "View Performance / Savings Summary", and "Performance Dashboard (requires PHI access)".
- CRP Entity:** Includes a button for "CRP Entity Dashboard".
- Program Management:** Includes buttons for "Care Partner Dashboard" (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow) and "Edit / View Episode & Intervention Selection".
- Program Administration:** Includes buttons for "Care Partner Vetting (State View)", "Program Admin Reports", "Program Audits", and "Entity Owner Management".

How to Update Care Partner Information

2. Click on "Export Excel"



The screenshot shows the EQIP Entity Portal interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the CRISP logo, the text "EQIP Entity Portal", a "Program:" dropdown menu set to "EQIP", the user name "Angelica Rego" followed by a list of roles in parentheses, and a "Logout" button. Below the header, there is a "Program Period:" dropdown menu set to "PY6 (2027) (Locked)" and an "EQIP Entity:" text input field containing "Entity Name". The main content area is titled "Care Partner Dashboard" and includes a "Home" button. Below the title, there is a summary box showing "Entity: Entity Name" and "Period: PY6" with a "Read-Only" status. Below this, there are two buttons: "Export Excel" (highlighted with a red box and a red arrow) and "Export PDF". To the right of these buttons, it says "32 care partner(s)". At the bottom, there is a table with the following columns: NPI, First Name, Last Name, Email, Practice Name, Specialty, Status, and Actions.

3. Review all email addresses and update them as needed. Remove any email addresses that are already accurate from the list. Submit the final list of updated email addresses to eqip@crisphealth.org. Please ensure the Excel file is named using the **Entity Number, Entity Name, and "Updated Care Partner Email Addresses"** (e.g., 5 Smith Hospital Updated Care Partner Email Addresses.xlsx).

CPA Contact Information Verification (Cont'd)

Why This Matters

- Last year, numerous delays occurred due to:
- Incorrect email addresses
- Spelling errors
- Email address changes
- Shared or duplicate email addresses

Important Deadline

Do NOT wait until December 18, 2026.

- All CPAs must be signed and returned **NO LATER THAN December 18, 2026**
- No CPAs will be accepted after 11:59 pm on 12/18/2026.

Action Required Today

Review your Care Partner list, verify all email addresses, ensure each Care partner has a unique email address (spelled correctly), and notify ALL Care Partners that a DocuSign request will be coming.



PY 4 Review and Incentive Payments

Breakout Year for Savings in PY4

\$96.3M

+58% YoY

Savings generated

\$59.4M

+49% YoY

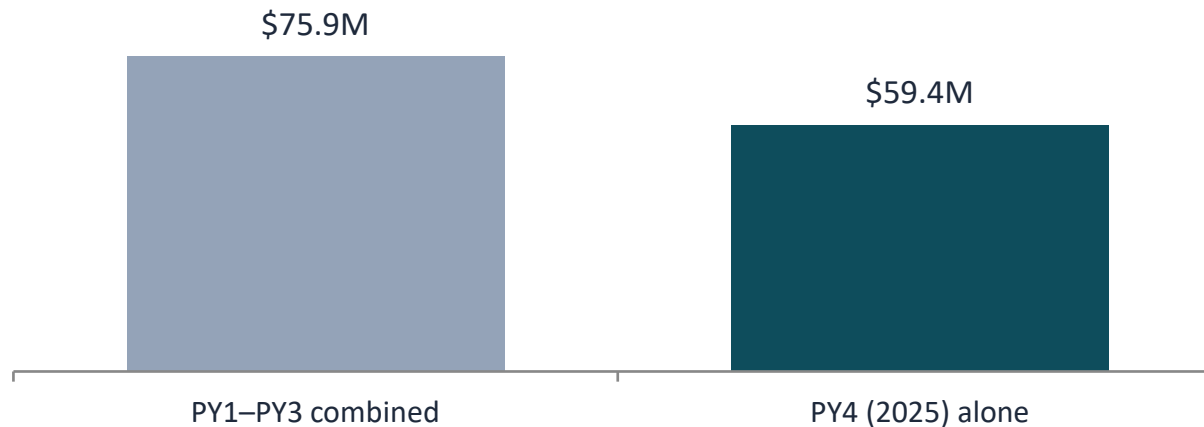
Shared savings (MST + Shared Savings Tiers)

\$35.8M

+23% YoY

Distributed to participants (after Quality and CAP Adjustments)

Shared savings: prior three years combined vs PY4 alone (\$M)



Why this matters

The program is growing fast. In PY4 it generated **44% of all shared savings in program history**

75% of entities received shared savings in PY4

PY4 (CY2025) Incentive Payments

Payment Distribution Process

- Entities that achieved shared savings in PY4 (CY2025) will receive a payment.
- UMMS, as the CRP, will issue payments via paper check.
- Payment checks will be mailed to the address on file.

Before Payments Are Issued

- Entity information must be reviewed and validated.
- Information must be complete and accurate before checks can be processed and distributed.
- Incorrect or outdated information may result in payment delays.

Note:

- 🔔 **Payments cannot be issued until all required entity information has been verified.**
- 🔔 **Accurate information helps ensure timely processing and delivery of PY4 shared savings payments.**



Upcoming Validation of PY4 Payment Information

- **Action Required: Watch for Communications from the EQIP Team**

- To support PY4 incentive payment processing, CRISP will be contacting participants to validate payment recipient information on behalf of the Care Redesign Program (CRP).

- **Please review and confirm that the following information is current:**

- Payment recipient name
- Mailing address
- Primary contact information
- Tax reporting information

- **If Updates Are Needed**

- Amend your CPA, as applicable
- Submit an updated [W-9](#)

- **Why This Matters**

- Accurate payment and contact information is necessary to ensure timely processing and distribution of PY4 incentive payments.

****Please monitor your email for validation requests and respond promptly.**

Practice Transformation Grant Program Update for PY 6

EQIP Practice Transformation Grant (PTG) Program Update

Positive Participant Feedback

- In June, HSCRC surveyed participating entities regarding their experience with the PTG Program.
- Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with practices indicating continued value from:
 - Transformation support and coaching
 - Program resources and tools
 - Participation in practice transformation activities

Early Program Observations

- Positive impact observed on participant quality measure performance
- Practices report meaningful benefits from participation and transformation efforts
- Impact on Shared savings and overall financial performance is still being evaluated.

EQIP Practice Transformation Grant (PTG) Program Update

Looking Ahead

- While the current PTG Program has produced positive outcomes, HSCRC is evaluating future approaches to practice transformation.

Program Status

- HSCRC remains committed to supporting practice transformation and is exploring potential future models that could:
 - Enhance program effectiveness
 - Increase scalability
 - Broaden participation across additional practitioners and entities.

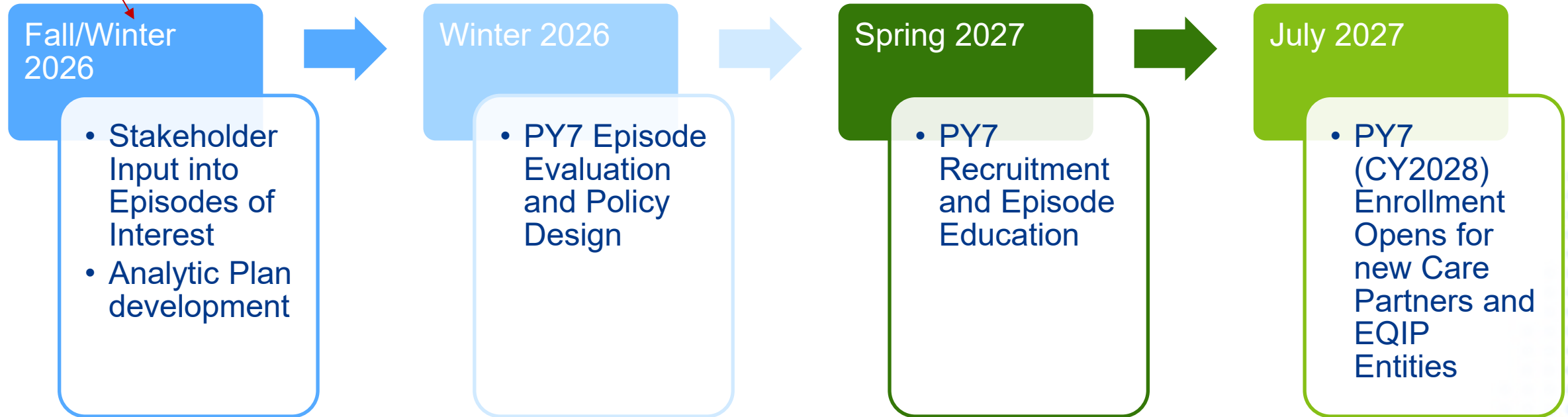
Next Steps

- Additional information and future program direction will be shared at the Subgroup meetings as planning and evaluation activities continue.

PY 7 Episodes

Performance Year 7 (CY2028) Episode Development Process

We are here



Request for New Episode Suggestions for PY7

Help Shape Program Year 7 Content

We are seeking recommendations for new episodes that are not currently included in EQIP.

What we need

- Submit suggestions for new episodes that would add value for PY7
- Review the PACES Episode Workbook to identify the correct episode title and episode number
- Complete and submit the Episode Suggestion Form.

Important Note:

Submission of an episode recommendation does not guarantee acceptance or inclusion in PY7. All suggestions will be reviewed and prioritized based on program needs, available resources, and strategic priorities

DUE DATE:

Please submit all episode recommendations by **10/30/2026**.



Data Release Schedule

EEP - Tentative Release Date Schedule

***Note:** CMS is currently updating CCLF File Format

PY5 Data	Proposed Release Date (2nd Cycle)
PY5 – Episodes Ending April	Sep 2026
PY5 – Episodes Ending May	Oct 2026
PY5 – Episodes Ending June	Nov 2026
PY5 – Episodes Ending in July	Dec 2026 <i>*Delayed by approx. 2 weeks (Jan)</i>
PY5 – Episodes Ending in August	Jan 2027 <i>*Delayed by approx. 2 weeks (Feb)</i>
PY5 – Episodes Ending in Sept	Feb 2027 <i>*Delayed by approx. 2 weeks (March)</i>
PY5 – Episodes Ending in Oct	Mar 2027 <i>*Delayed by approx. 2 weeks (April)</i>

Note: All release dates are proposed and subject to change

Resources

Resources

- [CRISP's EQIP Website](#)
- [EQIP Curriculum](#)
- [EQIP Episode Playbook PY5](#)
- [EQIP Policy Documentation PY5](#)
- [EQIP Specifications and Methodology PY5](#)

[EQIP Episode Playbook PY6](#)

Thank you!