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# Policy Calendar

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## Introduction

This document reflects staff and Commissioner discussion on priorities for the HSCRC over 18 months between January 2024 and June 2025. Staff is sharing a policy and activities calendar that staff believes is both ambitious but achievable given the current resources available to the HSCRC. Staff have considered current staff capacity and workload, existing contractor resources, state partner support, and future procurement requirements when developing this document. This document contains two components:

1. A list of HSCRC policies that will receive a Commission vote and a month-by-month outline of all policies that will be considered at each meeting through June 2025.
2. An outline of staff activities required to advance and implement the policies and programs critical to the State's all-payer rate setting system and the Maryland Model.

The activities outlined as part of #2 may be specific to implementing existing policies or programs, critical for hospital rate setting purposes, or required by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) under the terms of the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Model State Agreement.

## Impact of AHEAD on HSCRC Activities

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the States Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development (AHEAD) Model in fall 2023. The AHEAD Model is an 11 year, voluntary, state total cost of care model that seeks to drive state and regional health care transformation and multi-payer alignment to accelerate transformation across the entire health system. The AHEAD Model is designed to curb health care cost growth, improve population health, and advance health equity by reducing disparities in health outcomes across all payers including Medicare, Medicaid, and private coverage. AHEAD is the pathway to continue Maryland's all-payer rate setting authority and offers tools for primary care transformation, healthcare cost containment, and population health improvement. AHEAD builds on the Maryland TCOC Model, advancing the vision of equity and excellence in Maryland's healthcare delivery system to improve the health of all.

Maryland anticipates applying to participate in Cohort 1 of AHEAD which would run from CY 2026 through CY 2034. The Model would be preceded by an 18-month pre-implementation period (June 2024-December 2025) wherein the State and CMS would negotiate a State Agreement outlining the terms of Maryland's participation in AHEAD. The activities outlined in this document do not account for the level of effort and resources required of HSCRC staff to implement AHEAD, if Maryland is accepted into the model.

## Anticipated Commission Votes (January 2024 – June 2025)

Based on discussion of existing policy requirements, policy refinement opportunities, and implementation responsibilities, staff have developed the following calendar for updating and developing new policies between CY 2024 and June 2025. Dates are subject to change based on staff capacity, data availability, stakeholder input, and other factors that may delay the policy-making process. Staff aim to have a two-month gap between presenting a draft policy recommendation and a Commission vote on a final policy recommendation (e.g. a draft is presented in March and a final is presented in May) if a policy is being developed for the first time or substantive changes are being made. This revised timeline may not be possible for select policies where data limitations, compliance requirements, and other time-sensitive issues impact the development timeline. In those cases, a final policy recommendation will be presented in the subsequent month following a draft.

In advance of submitting draft recommendations, staff will bring proposed policy development plans to Commissioners for consideration on a quarterly basis. Policy development plans will include goals, a plan for needed data and analytics, a plan for stakeholder engagement, and an anticipated timeline. Staff plan to provide these quarterly updates in the following months:

- April 2024
- July 2024
- October 2024
- January 2025
- April 2025

Staff are providing the below table outlining the policies that the Commission will vote on between January 2024 and June 2025. **The dates listed may change and any changes will be reflected in the monthly Commission meeting agendas posted on the HSCRC website.** Many 2024 policies in development are nearing completion, so staff will begin presenting development plans for fall policies in Spring/Summer 2024.

*Table 1. CY 2024 Policy Votes*

CY 2024 Policy Votes	Development Plan	Draft Policy	Final Policy Vote
Multi-Visit Patient Policy (RY 2026)		December 2023	February 2024

CY 2024 Policy Votes	Development Plan	Draft Policy	Final Policy Vote
Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions (MHAC) Program (RY 2026)		January 2024	February 2024
Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2024 Policy / FY 2026 Payment)		December 2023	March 2024
Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP – RY 2026)		February 2024	April 2024
Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (FY 2025)		April 2024	June 2024
Nurse Support Program II – Competitive Grants (FY 2025)			May 2024
Update Factor (RY 2025)		May 2024	June 2024
CRISP HIE Funding (RY 2025)		May 2024	June 2024
Out-of-State (OOS) and Deregulation Volume Policy	April 2024	July 2024	September 2024
ED Best Practices Incentive Policy	March 2024	October 2024	December 2024
Quality Based Reimbursement (QBR) Program (RY 2027)	July 2024	October 2024	December 2024

Table 2. CY 2025 Policy Votes

CY 2025 Policy Votes	Development Plan	Draft Policy	Final Policy Vote
Maryland Hospital Acquired Condition (MHAC) Program (RY 2027)	July 2024	November 2024	January 2025
Nurse Support Program II – Program Renewal (FY 2026 – 2023)	April 2024	November 2024	January 2025
Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2025 Policy / FY 2027 Payment)	October 2024	December 2024	February 2025
Revenue for Reform (RY 2026)	July 2024	December 2024	February 2025

CY 2025 Policy Votes	Development Plan	Draft Policy	Final Policy Vote
Freestanding Medical Facility (FMF) Conversion Policy	July 2024	January 2025	March 2025
Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP – RY 2027)	July 2024	February 2025	April 2025
Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (FY 2026)	January 2025	April 2025	June 2025
Nurse Support Program II – Competitive Grants (FY 2026)	July 2024		May 2025
Update Factor (RY 2026)	January 2025	May 2025	June 2025
CRISP HIE Funding (RY 2026)		May 2025	June 2025

Table 3. CY 2024 Presentations by Month

Month	Policy & Presentation Type
February 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Policy – Multi-Visit Patient Policy (RY 2026)</li> <li>Final Policy – Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions (MHAC) Program (RY 2026)</li> <li>Draft Policy – Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RY 2026)</li> </ol>
March 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Policy - Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2025 Policy / FY 2027 Payment)</li> <li>Development Plan - ED Best Practices Incentive Policy</li> </ol>
April 2024 (Quarterly Update)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Policy – Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP) (RY 2026)</li> <li>Draft Policy - Relative Value Unit Updates (FY 2025)</li> <li>Development Plan – Nurse Support Program II Program Renewal (FY 2026 – 2030)</li> <li>Development Plan – OOS and Deregulation Policy</li> </ol>
May 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Policy – Nurse Support Program II – Competitive Grants (FY 2025)</li> <li>Draft Policy – Update Factor (RY 2025)</li> <li>Draft Policy – CRISP HIE Funding (RY 2025)</li> </ol>
June 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Policy – Update Factor (RY 2025)</li> <li>Final Policy – CRISP HIE Funding (RY 2025)</li> <li>Final Policy – Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (FY 2025)</li> </ol>

Month	Policy & Presentation Type
<b>July 2024</b> (Quarterly Update)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Policy – OOS and Deregulation Volume Policy</li> <li>2. Development Plan – Quality Program Updates (MHAC, QBR, RRIP) (RY 2027)</li> <li>3. Development Plan – Revenue for Reform Policy Updates (RY 2026)</li> <li>4. Development Plan – Nurse Support Program II Competitive Grants (RY 2026)</li> <li>5. Development Plan – FMF Conversion Incentive Program</li> </ol>
<b>September 2024</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy – OOS and Deregulation Policy</li> </ol>
<b>October 2024</b> (Quarterly Update)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Policy – Quality Based Reimbursement (QBR) Program Updates (RY 2027)</li> <li>2. Draft Policy – ED Best Practices Incentive Policy</li> <li>3. Development Plan – Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2025 Policy / FY 2027 Payment)</li> </ol>
<b>November 2024</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - Quality Based Reimbursement (QBR) Program Updates (RY 2027)</li> <li>2. Draft Policy – Nurse Support Program II Program Renewal (FY 2026 – 2030)</li> <li>3. Draft Policy - Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions (MHAC) Program Updates (RY 2027)</li> </ol>
<b>December 2024</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions (MHAC) Program Updates (RY 2027)</li> <li>2. Final Policy – ED Best Practices Incentive Policy</li> <li>3. Draft Policy - Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2025 Policy / FY 2027 Payment)</li> <li>4. Draft Policy - Revenue for Reform Policy Updates (RY 2026)</li> </ol>

*Table 4. CY 2025 Presentations by Month*

Month	Presentation Type
<b>January 2025</b> (Quarterly Update)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - Nurse Support Program II Program Renewal (FY 2026 – 2030)</li> <li>2. Draft Policy - FMF Conversion Incentive Program</li> <li>3. Development Plan – Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (FY 2026)</li> <li>4. Development Plan – Update Factor (RY 2026)</li> </ol>
<b>February 2025</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - Medicare Performance Adjustment (CY 2025 Policy / FY 2027 Payment)</li> <li>2. Final Policy - Revenue for Reform Policy Updates (RY 2026)</li> <li>3. Draft Policy – Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP) (RY 2027)</li> </ol>
<b>March 2025</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - FMF Conversion Incentive Program</li> </ol>

Month	Presentation Type
<b>April 2025</b> (Quarterly Update)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy - Readmission Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP) (RY 2027)</li> <li>2. Draft Policy - Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (FY 2026)</li> </ol>
<b>May 2025</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy – Nurse Support Program II Competitive Grants (FY 2026)</li> <li>2. Draft Policy – Update Factor (RY 2026)</li> <li>3. Draft Policy – CRISP HIE Funding (FY 2026)</li> </ol>
<b>June 2025</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final Policy – Update Factor (RY 2026)</li> <li>2. Final Policy – CRISP HIE Funding (RY 2026)</li> </ol>

## Policy Summaries

Below are high level summaries of the policies that the Commission will consider in CY 2024 and the first half of CY 2025.

### Quality

- **Quality-Based Reimbursement Program:** Ensures quality of hospital care across multiple domains; comply with TCOC Model contractual obligation to meet or exceed the quality and cost outcomes of the Medicare Value Based Purchasing (VBP) program, and provide payment incentives to address/support state-specific priorities and goals through innovations in measurement areas and incentive design.
- **Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions (MHAC) Program:** Incentivizes maintaining prior reductions in hospital acquired complications in line with federal contractual obligation that requires the State to not backslide from All-Payer Model performance.
- **Readmissions Reduction Incentive Program (RRIP):** Incentivizes reducing all-payer readmissions in line with federal contractual obligation that requires the State to have a Medicare readmission at or below the national average. Advances health equity through disparity gap methodology.
- **Emergency Department (ED) Best Practices Incentive Policy:** Incentivizes hospital best practices, alignment with Emergency Department Dramatic Improvement Initiative (EDDIE), and value-based arrangements with non-hospital providers that will improve hospital throughput and by extension reduce ED length of stay (LOS).
- **Multi-Visit Patient (MVP) Policy:** Provides all-payer incentives for hospitals to develop alternative care pathways for the most frequent emergency department (ED) visitors.



## Rate Setting & Financial Methodologies

- **Update Factor:** Provides hospitals with reasonable changes to rates in order to maintain operational readiness while also seeking to contain the growth of hospital costs in the State. In addition, the policy aims to be fair and reasonable for hospitals and payers. RY 2025 policy will include an update on the high-cost drug policy.
- **Medicare Performance Adjustment (MPA):** Brings direct financial accountability to individual hospitals based on the TCOC of Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries attributed to them.
- **Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates:** Proposes updates to RVUs, which are values/weights assigned to a specific service based on relative resources used when compared to other services.
- **Revenue for Reform Policy:** Directs inefficient hospitals, which may be a function of retained revenue, to fund community-based population health investments outside of hospital walls.
- **Freestanding Medical Facility (FMF) Conversion Incentive Policy:** Establishes requirements for any major facility conversion (e.g., acute hospital to FMF). Outlines the process that hospitals will need to follow when considering a facility conversion and will establish the expected savings, maintenance of effort for various types of access and potential funding for population health.
- **Out-of-State (OOS) and Deregulation Volume Policy:** Ensure changes in hospital volumes for out-of-state volume growth and deregulation are appropriately captured in hospital global budgets.

## Healthcare Infrastructure Support

- **CRISP Health Information Exchange (HIE) Funding:** Approves the annual assessment in hospital rates to fund and sustain projects and operations for CRISP, the State's HIE.
- **Nurse Support Program (NSP) II:** Administers special funding to advance nursing in higher education settings. The program is administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). The Commission will vote on both the annual competitive grant awards and a five-year program renewal.

## New and Ongoing Staff Activities

In addition to the policies that will be refined or newly developed over the next 18 months, HSCRC staff will continue to advance and implement the policies and programs critical to the State's all-payer rate setting system and the Maryland Model. The activities outlined may be specific to implementing existing policies or programs, critical for hospital rate setting purposes, or required by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) under the terms of the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Model State Agreement.

Staff have grouped work into seven different categories:

- Financial Methodologies & Rate Setting

- Quality
- Population Health
- Care Transformation
- Data Management
- Hospital and Model Performance Monitoring
- State Health Infrastructure

Appendix 1 provides a work breakdown structure and timeline for staff activities through June 2025. A commission vote may or may not be required for staff to carry out the functions associated with the work outlined. Additionally, the list will be modified and updated as the year progresses. **Stakeholders should use these dates as a guide to HSCRC activities but refer to staff leading associated work for exact timelines, deadlines, and detailed workflows.** These timelines are subject to change if new policy needs emerge, staff determine that refinements are needed to existing policies or programs or competing priorities (such as AHEAD) require staff to redirect efforts.

## **Appendix 1. HSCRC Staff Activities Timeline**



Policy Calendar (Care Transformation) - CY 2024 🗨


▼ Episode Quality Improvement Program (0%)	1/1/24	12/31/26
▼ CY 2025 Performance (0%)	1/1/24	1/1/25
0% Evaluation & new episode design	1/1/24	4/30/24
0% EQIP Enrollment	7/1/24	12/31/24
📅 Performance Year Begins		1/1/25
▼ CY 2026 Performance (0%)	1/1/25	12/31/26
📅 0% Evaluation & new episode design	1/1/25	4/30/25
0% EQIP Enrollment	7/1/25	12/31/26
📅 Performance Year Begins		1/1/26
▼ EQIP - Primary Care (2%)	1/26/24	1/1/25
📅 RFI Responses Due		1/26/24
📅 Staff present report on program plan		4/10/24
0% CMMI review	4/8/24	5/8/24
0% Applications open	5/15/24	6/14/24
📅 Performance Year Begins		1/1/25
▼ Care Transformation Initiatives (0%)	12/1/23	7/1/24
▼ FY2025 Performance (0%)	12/1/23	7/1/24
0% New CTIs completed	3/1/24	3/29/24
0% Evaluation and design	12/1/23	2/29/24
📅 PY Begins		7/1/24
▼ FY2026 Performance (0%)	12/1/23	7/1/24
0% New CTIs completed	3/1/24	3/29/24
0% Evaluation and design	12/1/23	2/29/24
📅 PY Begins		7/1/24

Policy Calendar (Hospital & Model Compliance) 🗨

▼ Annual Filing Modernization (1%)	1/1/24	11/25/25
📦 Update to Commission		1/10/24
▼ Updates to Current Reporting (0%)	1/1/24	7/1/25
0% Feasibility surveys	1/1/24	3/29/24
0% Workgroups	Yesterday	5/31/24
0% Spring/Summer '24 Release	6/3/24	9/2/24
0% Updates complete	12/2/24	3/3/25
0% Full roll-out	6/2/25	7/1/25
▼ Data Management Updates (0%)	10/27/25	11/25/25
0% Developing web-based tool to use for future annual filings- TBD		
0% New tool goes live	10/27/25	11/25/25
▼ Accounting and Budget Manual Overhaul (0%)	1/26/24	9/24/25
▼ Phase I revisions (0%)	1/26/24	11/22/24
0% Phase I revisions	1/26/24	6/27/24
0% Phase 1 QC & Approval	6/27/24	11/22/24
0% Website development	1/26/24	7/25/24
▼ Phase II Revisions (0%)	1/27/25	9/24/25
0% Phase 2 Revisions	1/27/25	4/25/25
0% Phase 2 QC & Approval	4/28/25	7/28/25
0% Final publish online	8/26/25	9/24/25
▼ Model Performance Verification Development (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/25
▼ CY 2023 Performance (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/24
0% HSCRC compiles performance verification data for CMMI	4/1/24	5/15/24
0% CMMI reviews performance data	5/16/24	7/15/24
0% CMMI issues performance verification memo	7/16/24	7/31/24
▼ CY 2024 Performance (0%)	4/1/25	7/31/25
0%		



	HSCRC compiles performance verification data for CMMI	4/1/25	5/15/25
0%	CMMI reviews performance data	5/16/25	7/15/25
0%	CMMI issues performance verification memo	7/16/25	7/31/25

▼ Hospital Financial Condition Report (1%)		10/30/23	5/31/24
	Hospitals submit FY 2023 audited data		10/30/23
0%	Staff review data and draft report	11/1/23	5/30/24
	Report released		5/31/24









▼ Annual Legislative Report (0%)		2/1/24	5/1/24
0%	Staff draft report	Yesterday	Yesterday
	Staff submit report to legislature & Governor's office		5/1/24





▼ CMS Annual Monitoring Reports (0%)		4/1/24	1/31/25
0%	Expenditures Performance	4/1/24	7/31/24
0%	Outcomes-Based Credits	10/1/24	12/31/24
0%	Quality / Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy	9/1/24	1/31/25




Policy Calendar (Data Management) 




▼ Internal Retention & Destruction Policy (0%)		1/1/24	7/31/24
0%	Complete draft policy and criteria	1/1/24	1/31/24
0%	Implement policy changes across HSCRC	Yesterday	7/31/24
▼ Annual Updates to Case Mix Data Submission Requirements (0%)		3/1/24	7/1/24
0%	Stakeholder engagement for annual changes	3/1/24	6/30/24
	Updates go live		7/1/24
▼ Overhaul of Public Use Files (PUF) (0%)		1/1/24	7/31/24
0%	Stakeholder engagement	1/1/24	3/31/24
0%	Finalize policy	4/1/24	5/31/24
0%	Implement policy	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ Hospital Auditing (0%)		1/1/24	7/1/24
▼ Casemix Audits (0%)		1/1/24	7/1/24
0%	Procurement process	1/1/24	5/31/24
	Contractor starts		7/1/24
▼ Monthly Data Collection - Financial & Casemix (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Ongoing financial and casemix data collection	1/1/24	6/30/25

Policy Calendar (Financial Methodologies & Rate Setting) 🗨

▼ Update Factor (0%)	1/3/24	12/31/25
▼ FY 2025 (0%)	1/3/24	12/31/24
0% Staff development / Payment Models Workgroup	1/3/24	6/4/24
 Draft recommendation		5/8/24
0% Additional public comment	5/1/24	5/15/24
 Final recommendation		6/14/24
0% Rate order compliance / model monitoring	7/1/24	12/31/24
▼ FY 2026 (0%)	1/8/25	12/31/25
 Staff present development plan		1/8/25
0% Staff development / Payment Models workgroup	1/9/25	6/10/25
 Draft recommendation		5/14/25
0% Additional public comment	5/7/25	5/21/25
 Final recommendation		6/11/25
0% Rate order compliance / model monitoring	7/1/25	12/31/25
▼ Medicare Performance Adjustment (0%)	7/10/24	2/12/25
▼ CY 2025 (FY 27 Payment) (0%)	7/10/24	2/12/25
 Staff present development plan		7/10/24
0% Staff implement development plan	9/1/24	12/10/24
 Draft recommendation		12/11/24
0% Additional public comment / CMMI review	12/12/24	1/15/25
 Final recommendation		2/12/25
▼ Relative Value Unit (RVU) Updates (0%)	1/1/24	7/31/25
▼ FY 2025 Updates (0%)	1/1/24	7/31/24
0% Stakeholder engagement	1/1/24	3/31/24

	Draft recommendation		4/10/24
0%	Additional public comment	4/11/24	5/31/24
	Final recommendation		6/12/24
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ FY 2026 Updates (0%)		1/1/25	7/31/25
0%	Stakeholder engagement	1/1/25	3/31/25
	Draft recommendation		4/9/25
0%	Additional public comment	4/10/25	5/31/25
	Final recommendation		6/11/25
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/25	7/31/25

▼ FMF Conversion / Facility Closure Policy (0%)		7/10/24	3/12/25
	Staff present development plan		7/10/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement / efficiency subgroup	7/11/24	12/31/24
	Staff present draft recommendation		1/8/25
0%	Additional public comment	1/9/25	2/14/25
	Staff present final recommendation		3/12/25

▼ OOS & Deregulation Volume Policy Development (0%)		2/1/24	9/11/24
0%	Staff planning	Yesterday	4/9/24
	Staff present development plan		4/10/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement / volume subgroup	4/11/24	6/30/24
	Staff present draft recommendation		7/10/24
0%	Additional public comment	7/11/24	8/16/24
	Staff present final recommendation		9/11/24



▼ Deregulation Adjustments (0%)		5/1/24	7/31/25
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▼ <b>FY 2024</b> (0%)	5/1/24	7/31/24
0% Final deregulation determinations	5/1/24	6/28/24
0% Implement deregulation activity	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ <b>FY 2025</b> (0%)	11/1/24	7/31/25
0% Final re regulation determinations	11/1/24	12/31/24
0% Implement deregulation activity	1/1/25	1/31/25
0% Final deregulation determinations	5/1/25	6/30/25
0% Implement deregulation activity	7/1/25	7/31/25
▼ <b>Volume Policy Implementation</b> (0%)	3/1/24	7/31/25
▼ <b>Market Shift</b> (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/25
▼ <b>CY 2023 Market Shift</b> (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/24
0% Run CY 2023 market shift	4/1/24	4/30/24
0% QC with industry	5/1/24	6/28/24
0% Implement in rate orders	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ <b>CY 2024 (6 mo) Market Shift</b> (0%)	10/1/24	1/31/25
0% Run CY 2024 (6 mo) market shift	10/1/24	10/31/24
0% Implement in rate orders	1/1/25	1/31/25
0% QC with industry	11/1/24	12/31/24
▼ <b>CY 2024 (Full) Market Shift</b> (0%)	4/1/25	7/31/25
0% Run CY 2024 market shift	4/1/25	4/30/25
0% QC with industry	6/30/25	6/30/25
0% Implement in rate orders	7/1/25	7/31/25
▼ <b>Demographic Adjustment</b> (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/25
▼ <b>RY 2025 Demographic Adjustment</b> (0%)	4/1/24	7/31/24
0% Run DA for RY 2025 rate orders	4/1/24	4/30/24
0% QC demographic adjustment with industry	5/1/24	6/30/24
0% Implement in rate orders	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ <b>RY 2026 Demographic Adjustment</b> (0%)	4/1/25	7/31/25
0% Run DA for RY 2025 rate orders	4/1/25	4/30/25

0%	QC demographic adjustment with industry	5/1/25	6/30/25
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/25	7/31/25
▼ Integrated Efficiency Policy (0%)		3/1/24	7/31/25
▼ FY 2025 (0%)		3/1/24	7/31/24
0%	Update ICC and TCOC calculations	3/1/24	3/29/24
0%	QC with industry	4/1/24	5/31/24
0%	Values reflected in UF	6/1/24	6/12/24
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/24	7/31/24
▼ FY 2026 (0%)		3/1/25	7/31/25
0%	Update ICC and TCOC calculations	3/1/25	3/1/25
0%	QC with industry	4/1/25	5/30/25
0%	Values reflected in UF	6/1/25	6/11/25
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/25	7/31/25
▼ OOS Adjustments (0%)		8/1/24	1/31/25
0%	Run OOS adjustments	8/1/24	8/30/24
0%	Implement in rate orders	1/1/25	1/31/25
▼ ECMAD Weight Updates (0%)		1/1/24	4/30/24
0%	Complete staff development	1/1/24	1/31/24
0%	Release updated weight to industry	Yesterday	2/29/24
0%	Use in ICC	3/1/24	3/29/24
0%	Use in market shift / demographic adjustment	4/1/24	4/30/24
▼ Full Rate Application Policy (0%)		3/1/24	7/31/25
▼ FY 2025 (0%)		3/1/24	7/31/24
0%	Update ICC and TCOC calculations	3/1/24	3/29/24
0%	QC with industry	4/1/24	5/31/24
0%	Values reflected in UF	6/1/24	6/12/24
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/24	7/31/24

▼ <b>FY 2026</b> (0%)		3/1/25	7/31/25
0%	Update ICC and TCOC calculations	3/1/25	3/1/25
0%	QC with industry	4/1/25	5/30/25
0%	Values reflected in UF	6/1/25	6/11/25
0%	Implement in rate orders	7/1/25	7/31/25





▼ <b>Uncompensated Care Policy</b> (0%)		4/1/24	6/11/25
0%	Staff draft FY 2025 report	4/1/24	5/31/24
	Report on FY 2025 UCC pool presented to Commission		6/12/24
0%	Staff draft FY 2026 report	4/1/25	5/31/25
	Report on FY 2026 UCC pool presented to Commission		6/11/25

▼ <b>Benchmarking</b> (0%)		3/1/24	8/30/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement	3/1/24	4/30/24
0%	Implement revised benchmarking process for CY 2023 data	5/1/24	8/30/24

▼ <b>Rate Order Issuance &amp; Compliance</b> (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/25
▼ <b>RY 2024 Rates</b> (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/24
0%	Rate order compliance monitoring	1/1/24	6/30/24
▼ <b>RY 2025 Rates</b> (0%)		7/1/24	6/30/25
0%	RY 2025 rate orders issued	7/1/24	9/30/24
0%	Rate order compliance	10/1/24	12/31/24
0%	Mid-year rate year orders issued, apply compliance penalties	1/1/25	1/31/25
0%	Rate order compliance monitoring	1/1/25	6/30/25

▼ ARMs / Docketing (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Monthly reviews & approvals	1/1/24	6/30/25
▼ Hospital Specific Requests/ Negotation & Implementation (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Ongoing negotiations & implementation activities	1/1/24	6/30/25

Policy Calendar (Pop Health) - CY 2024 🗨

▼ Revenue for Reform (0%)	2/1/24	6/30/25
▼ FY 2024 Implementation (0%)	4/8/24	9/30/24
0% Measurement/outcomes discussions	4/8/24	4/30/24
0% Performance reporting	6/3/24	9/30/24
▼ FY 2025 Updates (0%)	2/26/24	6/28/24
0% Application updated and released	2/26/24	3/8/24
0% Hospitals work on applications / TA with HSCRC & MDH	3/11/24	5/10/24
0% MDH & HSCRC review applications	5/13/24	5/31/24
0% Hospital meetings / revisions / approvals	6/1/24	6/28/24
▼ FY 2026 - Development (0%)	2/1/24	2/28/25
0% Draft development plan	Yesterday	4/9/24
 Present development plan to Commission		4/10/24
0% Staff development - MDH collaboration, analytics, stakeholder engagement	4/11/24	7/9/24
 Present draft policy recommendation		12/11/24
0% Collect & review stakeholder content	7/11/24	9/10/24
 Present final recommendation		2/12/25
0% Update FY 2026 application	2/13/25	2/28/25
▼ FY 2026 Implementation (0%)	2/13/25	6/30/25
0% Application updated and released	2/13/25	2/28/25
0% Hospitals work on applications / TA with HSCRC & MDH	3/1/25	5/15/25
0% MDH & HSCRC review applications	5/16/25	5/30/25
0% Hospital meetings / revisions / approvals	6/1/25	6/30/25
▼ Community Benefits (0%)	1/1/24	1/30/25
▼ FY 2023 Reporting (0%)	1/1/24	9/11/24
0% Hospital data due	1/1/24	1/31/24
0% Staff / Hilltop develop FY 2023 report	Yesterday	8/30/24
		

Staff release report to Commission / public		9/11/24
▼ <b>FY 2024 Reporting</b> (0%)	1/1/25	1/30/25
0% Hospital data due	1/1/25	1/30/25
▼ <b>FY 2025 Reporting</b> (0%)	4/1/24	5/31/24
0% Stakeholder engagement w hospitals on FY25 instruction changes	4/1/24	5/31/24

▼ <b>Regional Partnership Catalyst Program</b> (0%)	2/28/24	6/30/25
▼ <b>Diabetes Funding</b> (0%)	2/28/24	6/30/25
◇ RP wind-down budgets & high-level plans due		2/28/24
◇ CY 2023 annual reports due		5/1/24
0% Staff review annual reports & draft annual report	5/2/24	8/30/24
◇ Staff present annual CY 2023 report		9/11/24
0% Staff receive mid-year updates on wind-down activities	6/1/24	8/30/24
◇ CY 2024 (Final Year) reports due		3/15/25
0% Staff review annual reports / draft final summary report	3/16/25	6/30/25
▼ <b>Behavioral Health Funding</b> (0%)	3/15/24	9/11/24
◇ CY 2023 annual reports due		3/15/24
0% Staff review annual reports & draft annual report	3/17/24	5/31/24
0% Staff draft behavioral health content for annual report	6/3/24	7/31/24
◇ Staff present annual report		9/11/24
▼ <b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Improvement Initiative (MDH &amp; Medicaid)</b> (0%)	12/1/24	12/1/24
◇ MDH submits annual report on FY 2024 activities		12/1/24






▼ <b>Innovation Fund</b> (0%)	1/31/24	6/28/24
0% Staff concept development	1/31/24	6/28/24


Policy Calendar (Quality) - CY 2024 🗨

▼ QBR Policy (1%)	1/1/24	11/13/24
▼ RY 2026 (100%)	1/1/24	1/1/24
◇ RY 2026 Performance Period begins (Oct for CMS measures)		1/1/24
▼ RY 2027 (0%)	7/10/24	11/13/24
◇ Staff present Quality Programs development plan		7/10/24
0% Staff development / stakeholder engagement	7/11/24	10/8/24
◇ Staff present draft policy		10/9/24
0% Additional public comment	10/2/24	10/16/24
◇ Staff present final recommendation		11/13/24



▼ MHAC Policy (1%)	1/1/24	1/1/25
▼ RY 2026 (100%)	1/1/24	1/1/24
◇ RY 2026 Performance Period begins		1/1/24
▼ RY 2027 (0%)	7/10/24	1/1/25
◇ Staff present Quality Programs development plan		7/10/24
0% Staff development / stakeholder engagement	7/11/24	11/12/24
◇ Staff present draft policy		11/13/24
0% Additional public comment	11/6/24	11/20/24
◇ Staff present final recommendation		12/11/24
◇ RY 2027 Performance Period begins		1/1/25


▼ RRIP (1%)	1/1/24	3/12/25
▼ RY 2026 (7%)	1/1/24	3/13/24
◇ RY 2026 Performance Period begins		1/1/24
◇ Staff present draft recommendation		2/14/24
0% Additional public comment	2/7/24	Tomorrow

	Staff present final recommendation		3/13/24
▼ RY 2027 (0%)		7/10/24	3/12/25
	Staff present Quality Programs development plan		7/10/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement	11/1/24	2/11/25
	Staff present draft policy		2/12/25
0%	Additional public comment	2/5/25	2/19/25
	Staff present final recommendation		3/12/25
	RY 2027 Performance Period begins		1/1/25



▼ Population Health - IP Diabetes Screening Measure (0%)		2/1/24	9/15/24
0%	Data Collection	2/1/24	9/15/24
	Pilot Program begins		7/1/24

▼ Population Health - MPA Measure (100%)		1/1/24	1/31/24
100%	Develop PQI incentive for MPA recommendation	1/1/24	1/31/24

▼ Multi-Visit Patient Policy (1%)		1/1/24	2/12/25
▼ RY 2026 (100%)		1/1/24	2/14/24
	RY 2026 Performance Period begins		1/1/24
	Staff present final recommendation		2/14/24


▼ Emergency Department Initiatives (0%)		1/1/24	6/30/25
▼ ED Best Practices Incentive Policy (0%)		3/13/24	12/11/24
	Staff present development plan		3/13/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement	3/14/24	9/30/24



	Staff present draft recommendation		10/9/24
0%	Additional public comment	10/10/24	11/29/24
	Staff present final recommendation		12/11/24
▼	<b>EDDIE (0%)</b>	1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Ongoing monthly data collection, analysis, and reporting	1/1/24	6/30/25

▼	<b>Digital Measure Development (0%)</b>	1/1/24	2/28/25
▼	<b>CY 2025 Measure (0%)</b>	1/1/24	2/29/24
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement	1/1/24	1/31/24
0%	Final measure selection for CY 2025	2/1/24	2/29/24
▼	<b>CY 2026 Measure (0%)</b>	12/1/24	2/28/25
0%	Staff development / stakeholder engagement	12/1/24	1/31/25
0%	Final measure selection for RY 2028	2/1/25	2/28/25

▼	<b>Health Equity Measure Development (0%)</b>	1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Continue reporting and evaluation of existing disparity gap measures	1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Continue analysis of disparities in current quality and population health measures	1/1/24	6/30/25

▼	<b>Value-Based Program (VBP) Exemption Request (0%)</b>	4/1/24	6/28/24
0%	Staff draft exemption request	4/1/24	6/27/24
	Exemption request submitted to CMMI		6/28/24

▼	<b>Hospital Reporting - Quality Programs (0%)</b>	1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Memos and educational resources on policy updates	1/1/24	6/30/25
0%	Annual grouper updates and report development	10/1/24	3/31/25
0%	Monthly reporting to hospitals on all quality policies	1/1/24	6/30/25

0% Technical support for hospitals and other stakeholders

1/1/24

6/30/25

Policy Calendar (State Health Infrastructure) - CY 2024

▼ Nurse Support Program I (10%)	1/1/24	7/1/25
▼ FY 2023 Implementation (25%)	1/1/24	5/8/24
0% Staff review data & draft summary report	Yesterday	5/7/24
◇ Staff present report to Commissioners		5/8/24
▼ FY 2024 Implementation (0%)	1/1/25	5/14/25
0% Hospital data due	1/1/25	1/31/25
0% Staff draft report	2/3/25	5/9/25
◇ Staff present report to Commissioners		5/14/25
▼ FY 2025 Implementation (0%)	5/15/24	7/1/25
◇ Hospitals submit programs for approval		5/15/24
0% HSCRC reviews submissions	5/16/24	6/28/24
◇ FY 2025 performance period begins		7/1/25

▼ Nurse Support Program II (0%)	1/15/24	5/14/25
▼ Competitive Grants (0%)	1/15/24	5/14/25
▼ CG - FY 2025 (0%)	1/15/24	5/8/24
0% MHEC Application Period & Review	1/15/24	4/26/24
◇ Final Recommendation		5/8/24
▼ CG - FY 2026 (0%)	1/15/25	5/14/25
0% MHEC application period & review	1/15/25	4/30/25
◇ Final recommendation		5/14/25
▼ Program Renewal (0%)	2/1/24	12/11/24
0% Staff draft development plan	Yesterday	4/5/24
◇ Staff present development plan to Commission		4/10/24
0% Implement program renewal development plan	4/11/24	10/31/24
◇ Draft recommendation		10/9/24
0% Public comment reviewed	10/10/24	11/29/24
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Final recommendation		12/11/24
▼ CRISP HIE Funding (0%)	3/1/24	6/11/25
▼ FY 2025 Funding (0%)	3/1/24	6/12/24
0% Develop funding recommendation	3/1/24	4/30/24
◇ Draft recommendation		5/8/24
◇ Final recommendation		6/12/24
▼ FY 2026 Funding (0%)	3/1/25	6/11/25
0% Develop funding recommendation	3/1/25	4/30/25
◇ Draft recommendation		5/14/25
◇ Final recommendation		6/11/25