PACE – A Vision for the Future

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Purpose and Goals

PURPOSE

- Generate meaningful quality measures that effectively evaluate the quality of care provided by PACE organizations.
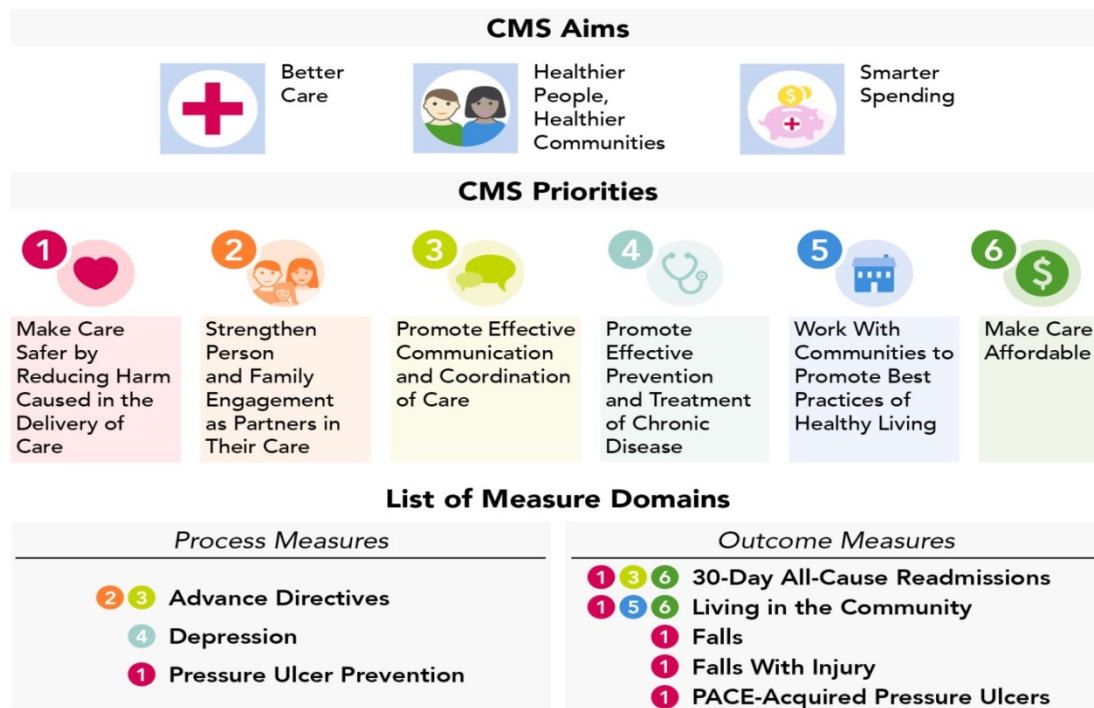
GOALS

- Through measures, improve and/or maintain high quality, coordinated care for PACE participants.
- Increase transparency in the data measuring PACE organization quality.
- Create meaningful, data driven comparisons of PACE organizations.
- Improve consistency in the reporting of data.

PACE Quality Measures Team

- CMS COR
- Econometrica, Inc.
- CMS Internal Subject Matter Experts
  - CMS Nurse Consultant
  - CMS Chief Medical Officer
  - CMS Quality Measures Divisions
- External Industry Experts
  - Technical Expert Panel (TEP)
  - Stakeholder Group

Measures Align with CMS' Strategies

PACE MEASURES/QUALITY STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

CMS Aims

Better Care

Healthier People, Healthier Communities

Smarter Spending

CMS Priorities

1. Make Care Safer by Reducing Harm Caused in the Delivery of Care
2. Strengthen Person and Family Engagement as Partners in Their Care
3. Promote Effective Communication and Coordination of Care
4. Promote Effective Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Disease
5. Work With Communities to Promote Best Practices of Healthy Living
6. Make Care Affordable

List of Measure Domains

Process Measures
- 2 3 Advance Directives
- 4 Depression
- 1 Pressure Ulcer Prevention

Outcome Measures
- 1 3 6 30-Day All-Cause Readmissions
- 1 5 6 Living in the Community
- 1 Falls
- 1 Falls With Injury
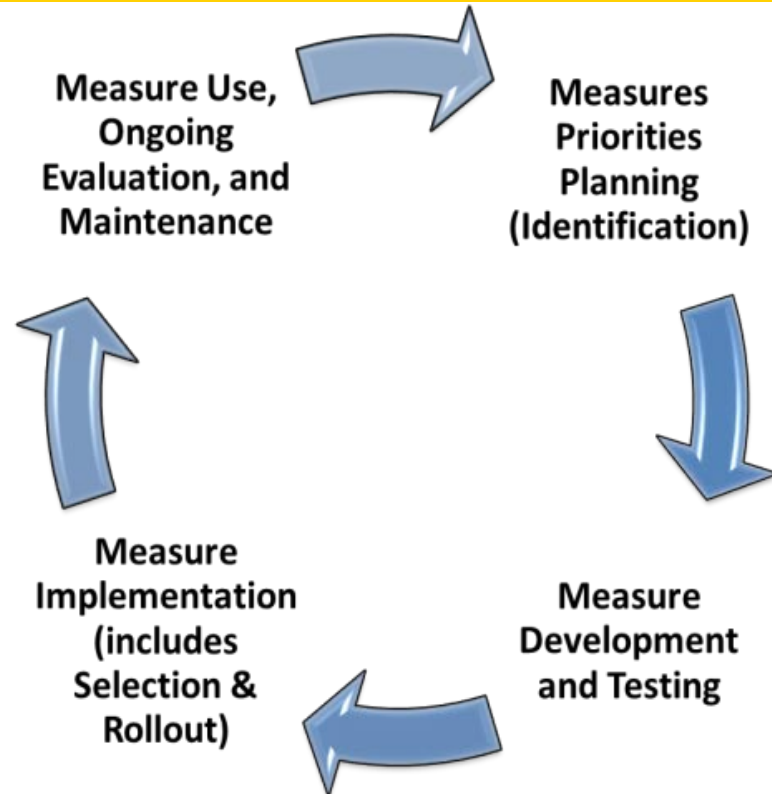- 1 PACE-Acquired Pressure Ulcers
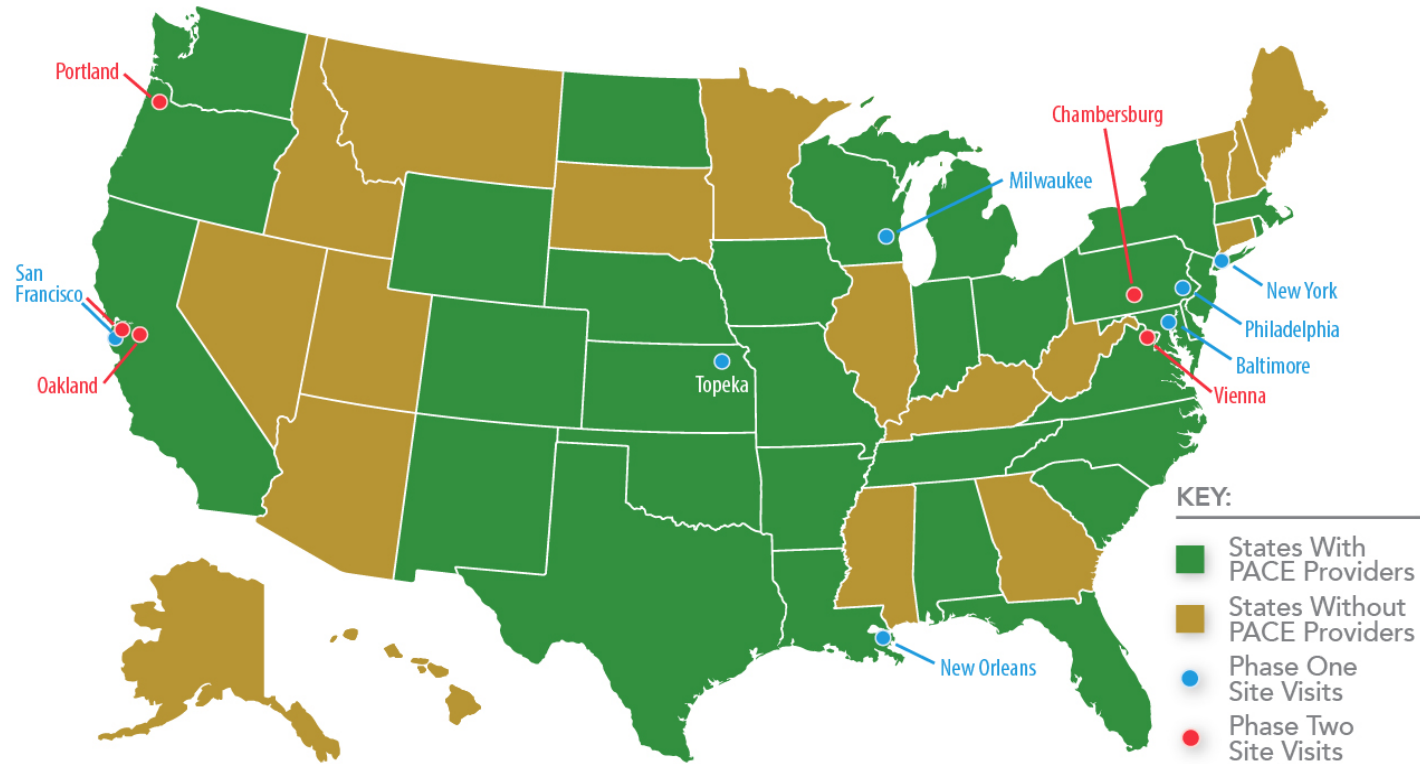
Quality Measures Timeline

The PACE Quality Measures development project is following the general timeline specified in "A Blueprint for the CMS Measures Management System."
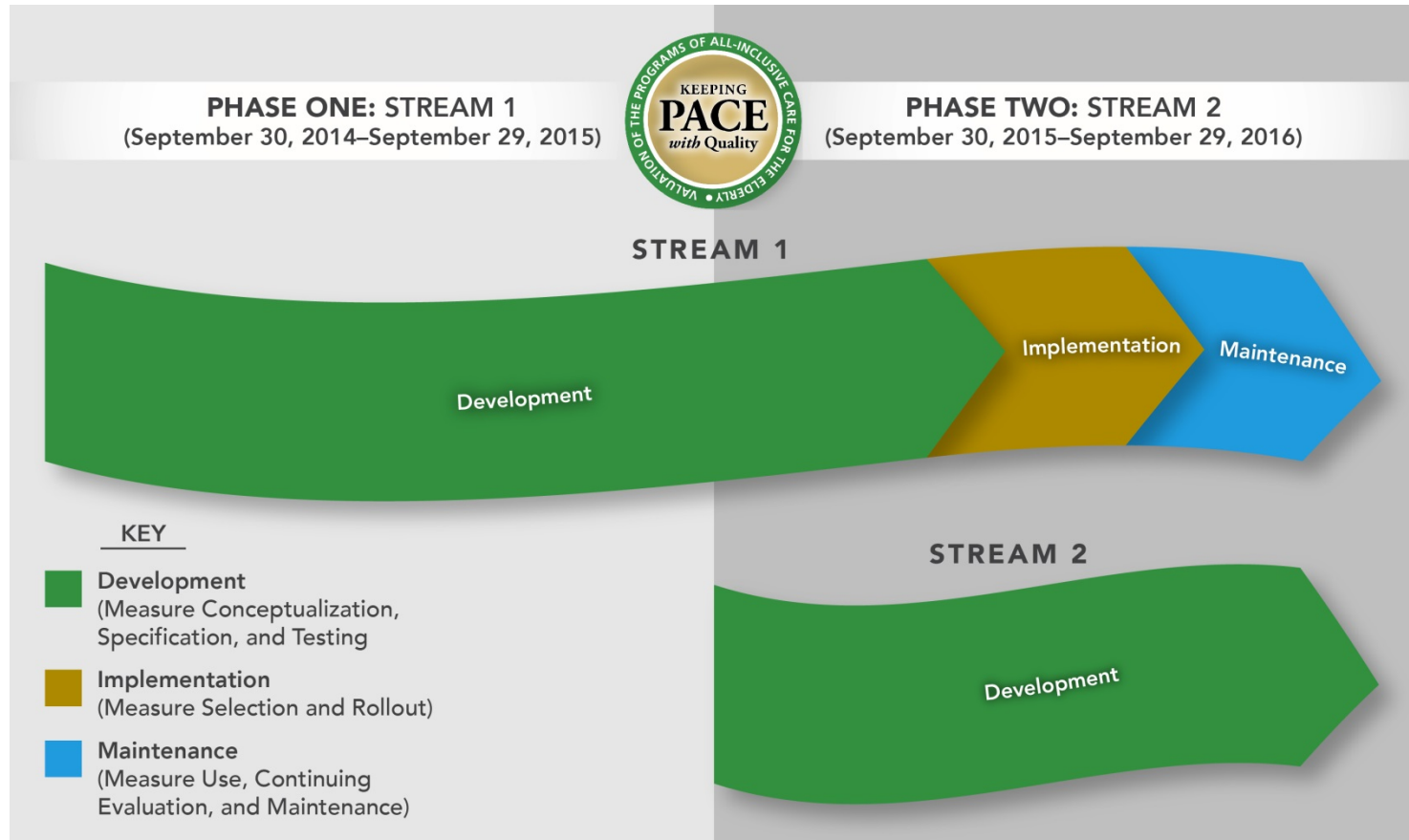
REFERENCE:
http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/MMS/MeasuresManagementSystemBlueprint.html

Measure Use, Ongoing Evaluation, and Maintenance

Measures Priorities Planning (Identification)

Measure Implementation (includes Selection & Rollout)

Measure Development and Testing

Map of PACE Site Visits

KEY:
- States With PACE Providers
- States Without PACE Providers
- Phase One Site Visits
- Phase Two Site Visits

Stream 1

Stream 1 – Quality Measures

Draft Measures Under Development:

1. Total Falls

2. Falls With Injury

3. Pressure Ulcers

   – Pressure Ulcer Prevention

   – Pressure Ulcer Prevalence

4. 30-Day All-Cause Readmissions

Stream 1

Measure Identification and Development
- Assessed the business case for implementing measures
- Defined the numerator and denominator of each measure moving forward
- Identified inclusion & exclusion criteria
- Defined related supplemental data (e.g., fall injury levels & pressure ulcer stages)
- Created instructions for data collection

Stream 1 – Measure Testing
(Round 1)

- 58 PACE organizations were invited
- 34 PACE organizations submitted data
- Tested the clarity, feasibility, and reliability of measure specifications
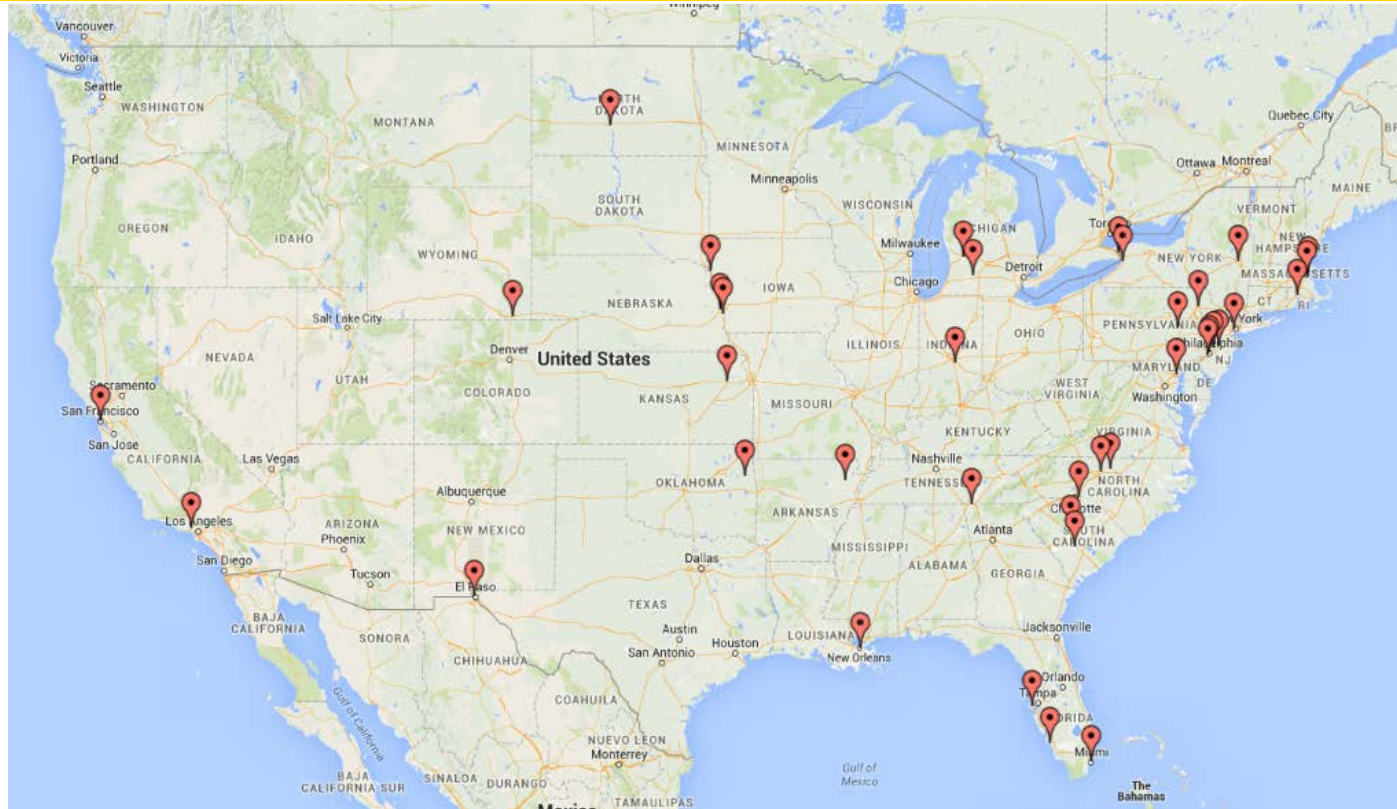- Requested only one month of data for simplicity and not to overburden PACE organizations
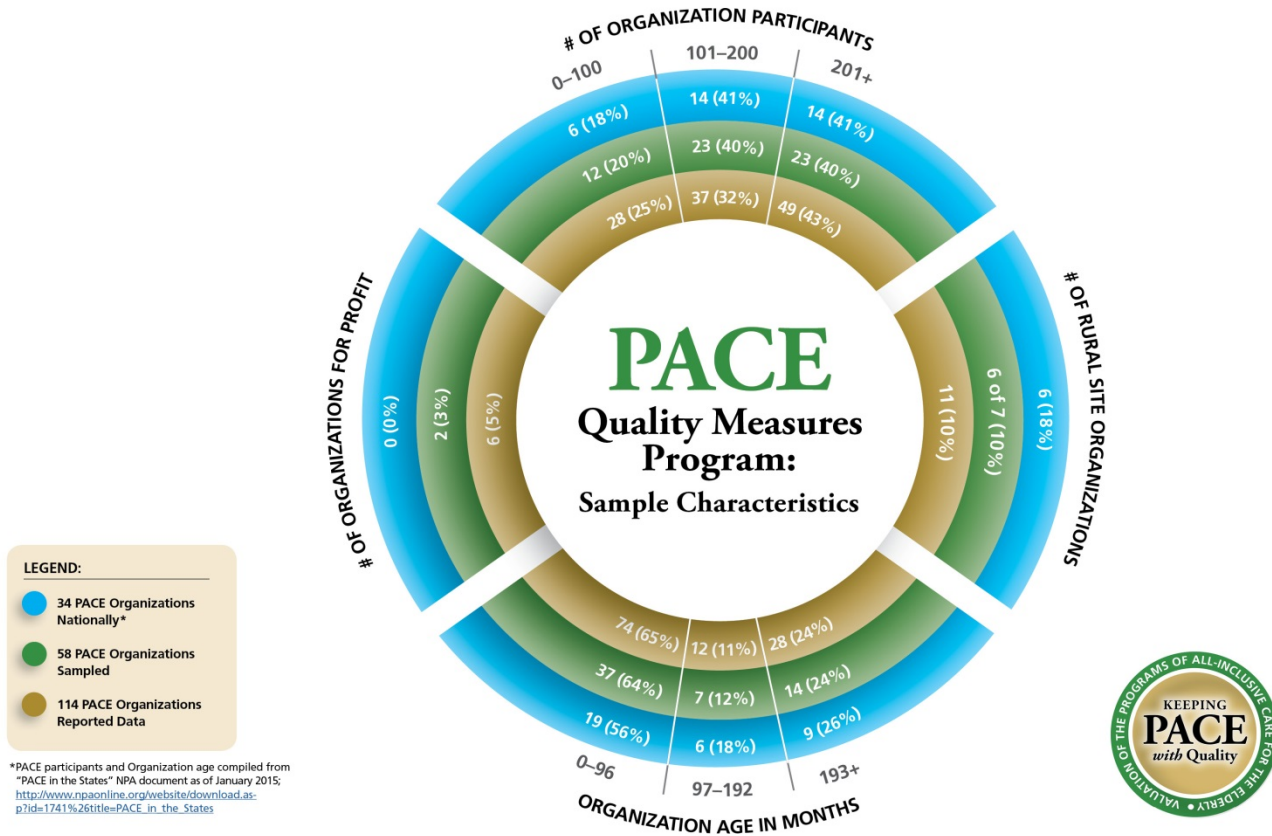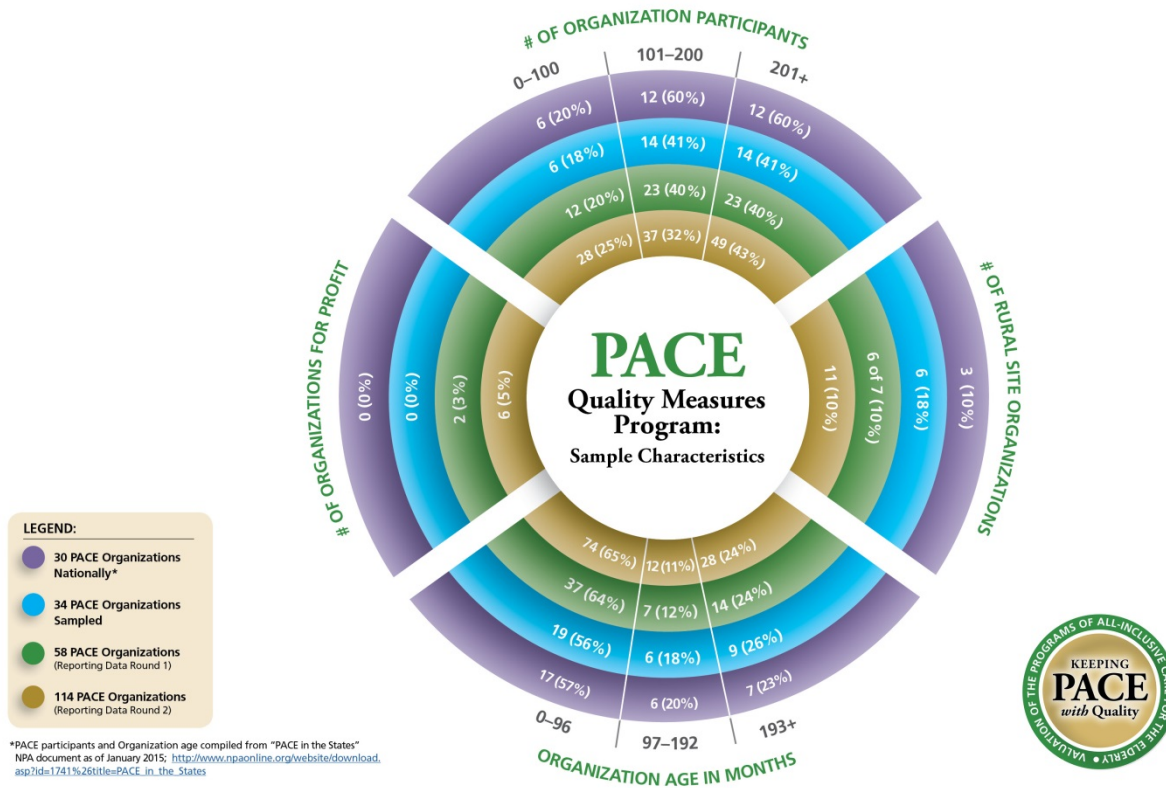
Stream 1 – Map of Participating Sites

Stream 1 – Measure Testing
(Round 2)

- 34 PACE organizations from first round invited to participate
  - 30 programs submitted data
- Requested two additional months of data adjacent to the original one month
- Using quarterly data significantly improved reliability scores

Stream 1 – Highlights

- Developed and updated an Environmental Scan
- Conducted validity, reliability, feasibility, and usability testing for all five draft measures
- Prepared and posted two rounds of Public Comments
- Incorporated PACE participants and their caregivers in the measure development process
- Organized and received valuable feedback from six TEP meetings & four Stakeholder Group meetings
- Submitted Stream 1 measures to NQF for approval

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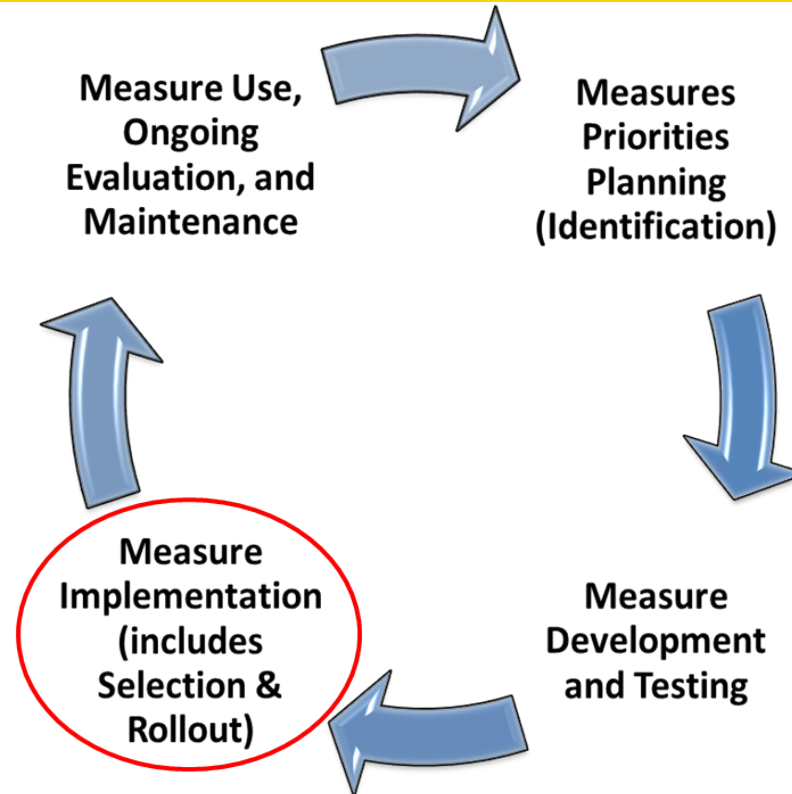
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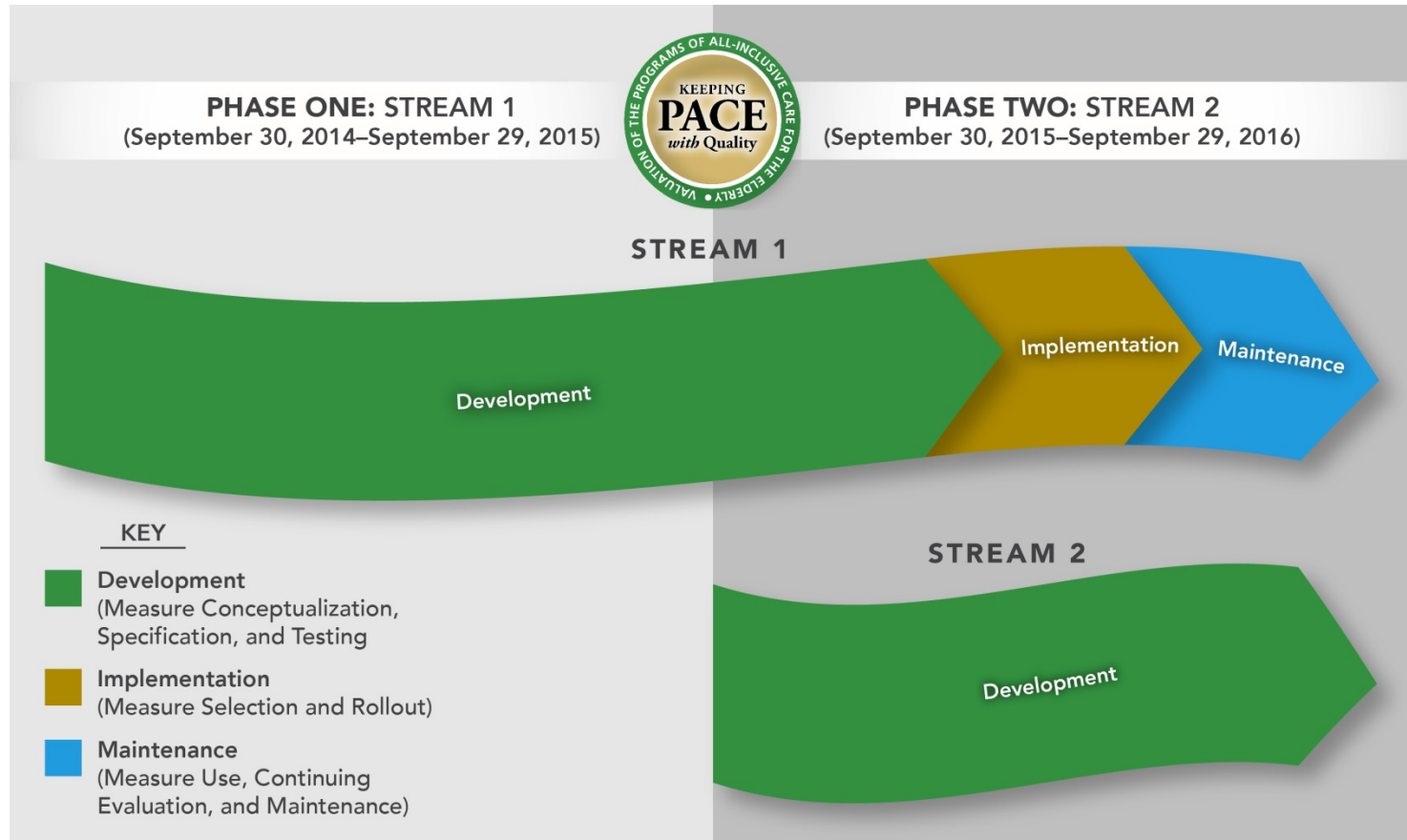
Stream 2 – Draft Measure Domains

Measures Domains Selected:

1. Depression

2. Living in the Community

3. Advance Directives

Stream 2

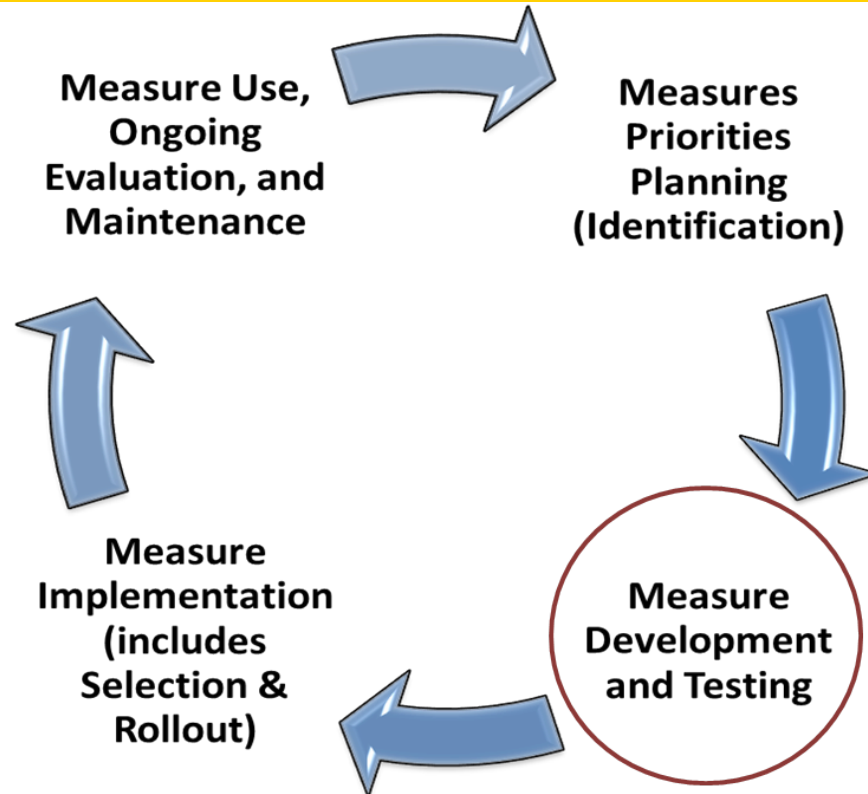**Measure Identification and Development**
- Identified potential measures for each domain based on TEP input, site visits, and environmental scan
- Defined the numerator and denominator of each measure moving
- Identified inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Created instructions for data collection
- Began recruitment for validity and reliability testing

Stream 2 – Draft Quality Measures

Measures were Selected for Each Domain:

1. Depression: Percent with Depression Receiving Therapy

2. Living in the Community: Percent of Participants Not in Nursing Homes

3. Advance Directives: Percent with Advance Directives and Percent with Annual Review of Advance Directives

Stream 2

Measure Use, Ongoing Evaluation, and Maintenance → Measures Priorities Planning (Identification) → Measure Development and Testing → Measure Implementation (includes Selection & Rollout) → Measure Use, Ongoing Evaluation, and Maintenance

Next Steps

- Stream 1 measure implementation

- NQF endorsement process for Stream 1 measures

- Continue with testing activities for Stream 2 measures

- Continue to engage experts, PACE organizations, and participants/caregivers throughout the measure development cycle

Polling Question

If you could choose a PACE quality measure that is most important to PACE, what would it be?

a) Functional status

b) Hospitalization rates

c) Immunization rates

d) Medication reconciliation after hospital discharge

e) Avoiding the use of antipsychotics for participants with dementia

f) Other: _____

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