

The Stars evolution

What we know is coming and what's proposed

	Stars 2027 MY2025	Stars 2028 MY2026	Stars 2029 And beyond
Scoring methodology	Proposed: Keep R-Factor reward and remove EHO4All	Proposed MY2026: Remove guardrails	Proposed concept: Remove Admin measures
HEDIS/Admin	<p>Colorectal Cancer Screening: Expand the age band to include 45-49</p> <p>Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge: Removed as stand-alone measure</p> <p>Care for Older Adults – Functional Status Assessment: Returned measure 1x weight</p> <p>Care for Older Adults – Pain Assessment: Retired measure</p> <p>Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes: Removed the hybrid data collection method</p>	<p>Proposed new MY2026: Part C and D Call Center FLL/TTY Availability and Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease</p>	<p>Proposed new MY2027: Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment (IET) and Depression Screening and Follow-Up</p> <p>Breast Cancer Screening using expanded age range 40-74</p> <p>Proposed Retire MY2027: Plan Makes Timely Decision about Appeals, Reviewing Appeals Decisions, SNP CM, Part C and D Complaints about the Health/Drug Plan, MPF Price Accuracy, Diabetes Eye Exams, Part C and D Members Choosing to Leave the Plan</p> <p>Proposed Update: Remove 3 SNP-only measures</p> <p>Proposed Update: Convert CBP (MY2028), GSD (MY2029), and TRC (MY2027 or MY2029) to ECDS, remove hybrid components</p>
HOS/CAHPS	<p>Improving or Maintaining Health Measures: Weight increases from 1x to 3x</p>		<p>Proposed Update: All 1-weight HOS measures to be reviewed for clinical relevance</p> <p>Proposed Retire MY2027: Customer Service and Rating of Health Care Quality</p>
Part D	<p>Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines: New measure 1x weight</p> <p>Polypharmacy-Use of Multiple Anticholinergic Medications in Older Adults: New measure 1x weight</p> <p>MTM Program Completion Rate for CMR: Moved to display</p> <p>SPC-Add Statin Intolerance exclusion</p>	<p>Proposed new MY2026: Initial Opioid Prescribing for Long Duration (IOP-LD)</p> <p>Medication adherence measures moving to 1-weight due to major methodological change</p>	<p>Proposed MY2027: MTM Program Completion Rate for CMR Return to Stars</p>

Next steps

Your checklist to guide strategic thinking

Send feedback regarding the proposed rules to CMS by January 26, 2026

Apply new proposed scenarios to your recent Star performance to see impacts

Determine which domains need to be targeted based on the scenarios as measures carry more weight with so many measures being removed

Update and prepare executive leadership for changes and potential new priorities

Assess current performance with proposed new star measures and start to build interventions prior to the measure counting towards stars

Assess resources and the need for any additional resources, assess whether insourcing or outsourcing interventions will provide the most effective outcomes

Enhance the Star Rating strategic plan, goals, and dashboards by integrating proposed measures and measure removals, evidence-based interventions, and scenario forecasts to proactively model performance outcomes, identify improvement opportunities, and support data-driven decision making

Confirm that current interventions include all members and not just the high-risk membership, this aligns with the goal of CMS to positively impact health outcomes for all members

If not already in place, develop and implement interventions for all measures by January 1, 2026, shifting efforts to year-round and avoiding the fourth quarter push