



## Reporting Update to CQM #503: Gains in Patient Activation Measure (PAM) Scores at 12 Months

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has received several inquiries regarding the 3rd performance rate for [Quality Measure 503: Gains in Patient Activation Measure \(PAM\) Scores at 12 Months](#) (available only as a Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) clinical quality measure (CQM)).

After assessing the issue, **CMS determined that it's not technologically feasible to calculate the 3rd performance rate using the existing submission JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) structure.** As a result, the submission of data for the 3rd stratum (see below) won't be required when reporting the measure for the 2024 performance period.

### Reporting the Measure

To submit the measure, you'll submit the following 1st and 2nd strata documented in the [QPP measures repository on GitHub](#) as shown below:

- **1st Stratum "overall":** Percentage of patients aged 14 years and older who achieved a net increase in PAM® score of at least 3 points in a 6- to 12-month period.
  - This stratum maps to Submission Criteria 2 in the measure's specification (there's no data submitted for Submission Criteria 1). The performance rate for this stratum is used for scoring the measure and establishing benchmarks.
- **2nd Stratum "6points":** Percentage of patients aged 14 years and older who achieved a net increase in PAM® score of at least 6 points in a 6- to 12-month period.
  - This stratum maps to Submission Criteria 3 in the measure's specification. The performance rate for this stratum isn't used for scoring the measure or establishing benchmarks.

### You won't submit the following 3rd Stratum

- **3rd Stratum "AveChg":** Average change between baseline PAM® score and the second score within 6 to 12 months of a baseline PAM® score.
  - This stratum maps to Submission Criteria 4 in the measure's specification. The performance rate isn't used for scoring or establishing benchmarks.
  - **Submissions that include this stratum will be rejected.**