

Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) Validation Update May 12, 2025

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Presentation Objectives

- Review requirements and stages of a PIP
- Review the 2025 PIP validation process
- Outline 2025 CCO PIP activities

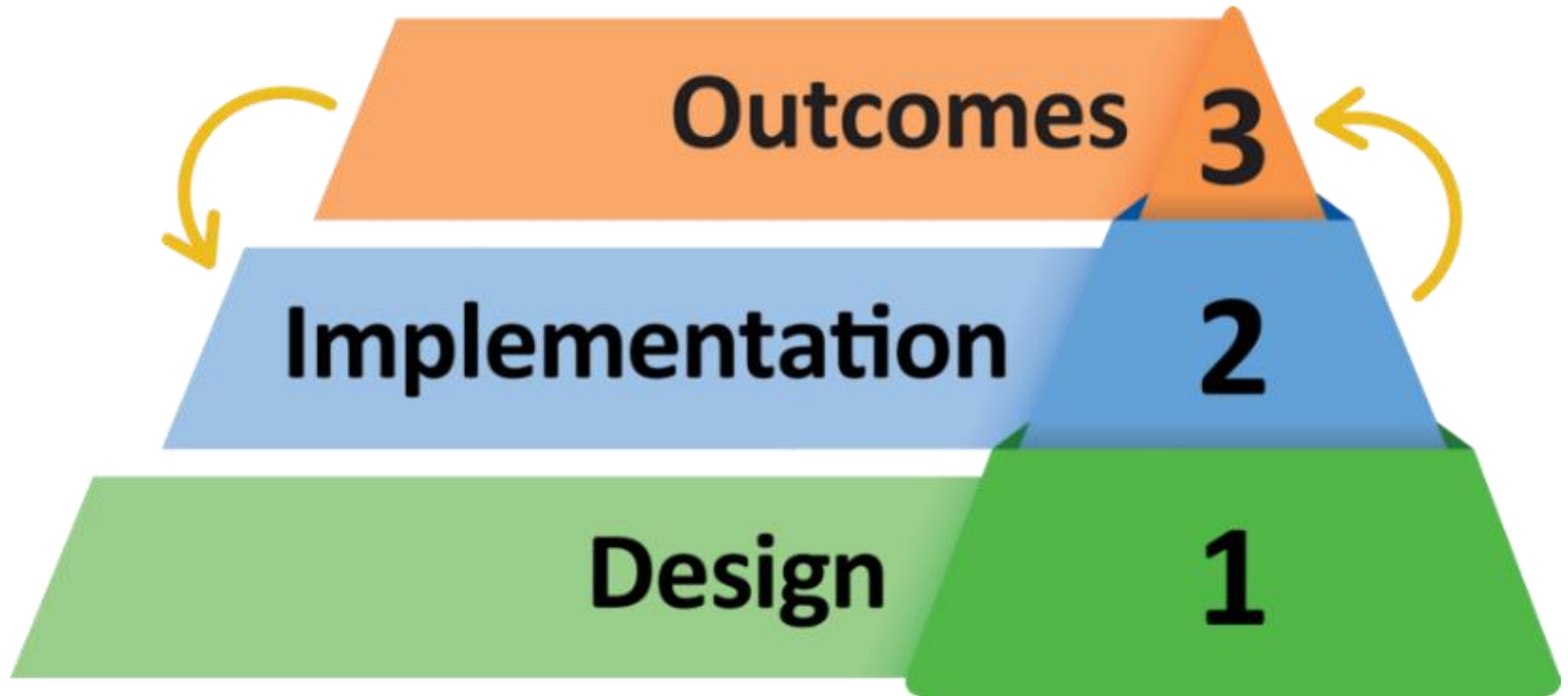


PIP Validation Requirements

- 42 CFR §438.330 outlines PIP validation requirements.
- PIPs include:
 - Measurement of performance using objective indicators.
 - Interventions to improve quality processes and outcomes.
 - Evaluation of intervention effectiveness.
 - Plans and activities to increase or sustain improvement.



PIP Stages



Stage II. Implementation (Steps 7 & 8)

- Analyze data and interpret performance indicator results
- Improvement strategies



Step 7 – Indicator Results

- Indicator Results table
 - Measurement period dates
 - Numerator, denominator, percentage
 - Statistical testing is completed for each remeasurement
- Narrative interpretation of indicator results



Step 8 – Improvement Strategies

- Quality Improvement Narrative
- Barriers/Interventions Table
 - Barrier Priority Ranking
 - Barrier Description
 - Intervention Description
- Intervention Evaluation Table
 - Evaluation process
 - Evaluation results



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HSAG's PIP Validation Process



Submission Form



Completion Instructions



Validation Tool

2025 PIP Submission Form

- CCOs will submit a separate PIP submission form for each PIP
 - **Statewide Integration PIP:** Update last year's final PIP Submission form (Steps 1 – 8)
 - Remeasurement 3 indicator results and QI activities
 - **Statewide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) PIP:** Update last year's final PIP Submission form (Steps 1 – 8)
 - Remeasurement 2 indicator results and QI activities

2025 PIP Validation Tool

The tool aligns with the [2023 CMS Protocol 1](#). The tool was updated in 2024, and no changes were made for 2025.

- 26 Evaluation Elements and 13 Critical Evaluation Elements
- In Step 9, evaluation element for significant clinical and programmatic improvement, tied to an intervention, was removed. Evaluation of improvement focuses solely on improvement of indicator results.
- Two separate Overall Validation Ratings:
 1. Adherence to PIP Methodology
 2. Demonstration of Significant Improvement

Stage III. Outcomes (Step 9)

2025 Evaluation Elements:

1. Consistent methodology used across measurements
2. Any improvement in performance indicator rates
3. Statistically significant improvement in performance indicator rates
4. Sustained improvement in performance indicator rates



Evaluation of Statistically Significant Improvement

1. Performance indicator remeasurement results must be compared to baseline results using an appropriate two-tailed statistical test.
2. HSAG validates statistical testing for each remeasurement period using CCO-reported performance indicator data.
3. Cut-off for statistically significant improvement:
95 percent confidence level, $p < 0.05$.

Evaluation Elements Scoring

Each evaluation element will be given a score of

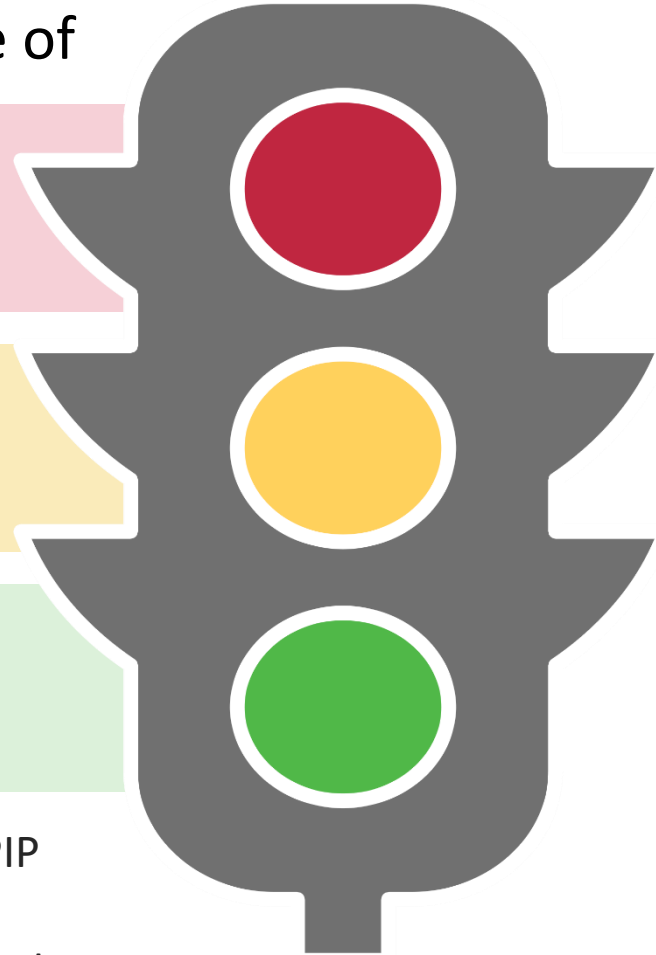
Not Met

Partially Met

Met

Not Applicable—evaluation element does not apply to the PIP (e.g., Step 4: Sampling).

Not Assessed—The PIP has not progressed to that particular step.



Overall Validation Status

HSAG reports two separate levels of confidence for the overall validity and reliability of the PIP results:

- Overall Confidence in Adherence to Acceptable Methodology for All Phases of the PIP (Step 1—Step 8)
- Overall Confidence that the PIP Achieved Significant Improvement (Step 9)

Detailed confidence level definitions are provided in the [PIP Validation Tool Template](#)

2025 CCO PIP Activities, Key Dates, and Tips for Success

2025 Statewide PIP Validation: Key Dates

Activities	Dates
CCOs submit both statewide PIPs to OHA/HSAG via CCO Deliverables Portal (CDP) for initial validation	July 31, 2025
HSAG delivers initial validation findings and feedback to CCOs and OHA via CDP	September 15, 2025
CCOs seek and receive technical assistance on initial PIP feedback, as needed	September 17 – October 10, 2025
CCOs resubmit both statewide PIPs to OHA/HSAG for final validation, if needed, via CDP	October 16, 2025
HSAG delivers final validation findings to CCOs and OHA via CDP	November 6, 2025

Tips for Successful PIP Submissions

- PIP documentation must be submitted via the CCO Deliverables Portal
- The annual validation process includes an opportunity to seek technical assistance and resubmit PIP documentation
- PIP reporting references are available on the [OHA website](#):
 - Statewide PIP Submission Form
 - PIP Completion Instructions
 - PIP Validation Tool
- CCOs can contact HSAG as needed to schedule validation-related TA.
 - TA requests should be submitted to HSAG via email, using the TA Request Form.
 - Please submit the completed TA form to Kris Hartmann at KHartmann@hsag.com and Megan Chase at mchase@hsag.com.

Questions and Discussion



Thank you!

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