

# MADiE User Group

*February User Group*

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# Agenda and Objectives

## Agenda

1. MADiE Updates
2. User Experience/Design Discussions
3. Community Questions & Discussions
4. Review of Resources

## Objectives

- Inform MADiE users of current and planned activities
- Create a forum to gather community feedback on future enhancements
- Foster collaboration through open community discussion

# 60 Day Account Deactivation

## Keeping your MADiE Account Active:

- In accordance with CMS and HHS security requirements, MADiE has implemented an account deactivation policy for all users who have not logged in within the previous 60 days or more.
- Users will receive warning messages after 30 days of inactivity.
- After 60 days of inactivity, accounts will be deactivated.
- To access a deactivated MADiE account again, users will need to request the MADiE role in HARP.
  - **Do NOT** respond to the deactivation email.

\*Keep your MADiE account active to continue to receive important email communications!

# MADiE

MADiE 2.3.7

# MADiE Current State

## MADiE 2.3.7 released on 02/17/2026

- MADiE has been updated to allow users to compare two versions of the CQL and Human Readable content for a measure or library. The Compare Versions function will identify changes between the two versions. ([MADIE-2278](#))
- MADiE has been updated to support case insensitive handling of HARP IDs, resolving previous issues where users could not transfer measure or library ownership due to mixed case HARP ID formatting. ([MADIE-2335](#))

# CMS Web Application Firewall Errors

## CMS Web Application Firewall (WAF) Issues

- CMS WAF errors are received when an attempted action (i.e., saving or exporting) is rejected by the CMS security policy, blocking further action by the user
- This can happen when working in a measure or test case that previously did not receive a CMS WAF error, or when making a change to the measure or test case

## When an action is blocked, please include the following information in your ONC JIRA ticket.

- Measure Name/ID
- Test case Name (if applicable)
- Action that resulted in unexpected error messages or an inability to save changes (include specific verbiage/CQL/JSON that was unable to save)
- Providing the error message assists the team in confirming the cause of the issue
- When error messages include a 'Support ID' include that ID number in your ticket so that can be provided to CMS to unblock the attempted action

## Examples of CMS WAF error messages:

- MADiE was unable to process the request. Please try again. If the problem persists, please contact the Help Desk.
- System error. Unable to process information
- 403 Forbidden The requested URL was rejected by CMS security policy. If you believe this is in error, please contact the HIDS Security Operations Center [QNET\\_soc@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QNET_soc@cms.hhs.gov) and reference your Support ID: 2586968644408754759

# Help Desk Ticket Submission Process (1 of 3)

The **MADiE Ticket Submission Guidance** document on the [Training & Resources](#) tab on the public website provides guidance to measure developers needing assistance with measures or test cases.

**This document should be reviewed prior to creating a ticket to verify if the ticket should be submitted to the MADIEIT or to the CQLIT.**

This document includes the following:

- Steps to take prior to submitting a Help Desk ticket
- When to submit a ticket to MADiE Issue Tracker (MADIEIT) and when to submit a ticket to CQL Issue Tracker (CQLIT)
- A list of artifacts to include if a ticket is being created with either CQLIT or MADIEIT for assistance with measure CQL or test case JSON

Reference the [MADiE Help Desk Process Diagram](#)

# Help Desk Ticket Submission Process (2 of 3)

## Steps to take prior to submitting a ticket:

1. **[Search for an Issue](#)**: Have a question or experiencing an issue? Search by keyword or project, see if others have submitted the same question or reported the same issue, and review the responses.
2. **If a ticket needs to be submitted, identify the appropriate Issue Tracker – [CQLIT](#) or [MADIEIT](#)**
  - Submitting tickets to the incorrect IT will increase the response time as two teams will need to review the ticket. This will delay possible resolution for the submitter.
3. **Identify the Ticket Type to be used**
  - Choices are – Bug/Issue, Delete Library, Enhancement Request, MADiE Access Question, Question, User Group Question/Topic, or User Research Feedback
  - The responses that are auto-generated when a ticket is created is determined by the ticket type and include additional information that may be needed for the ticket to be processed.
  - For example, the auto-response, required information, and format for that information for an Enhancement Request ticket is driven by the “Are you part of a CMS Contract” field. CMS Contractors must attach a completed Enhancement Request Form while other submitters are directed to answer several questions in the description or as a comment.

# Help Desk Ticket Submission Process (3 of 3)

## Steps to take prior to submitting a ticket (continued):

### 4. Include all required information based on the type of ticket you are creating

- Populate all applicable available fields when creating the ticket. These fields can be updated after the ticket is created by selecting “Edit” if additional information needs to be added.
- The required fields are specific to the Issue Tracker the ticket is submitted to. For example, the measure name and URL is required for the MADiEIT but is not available for the CQLIT. When tickets are moved only the data in fields available by the IT the ticket is moved to will be retained, and different data may be needed that wasn't originally entered.

### 5. Attach required artifacts and supporting documentation

- Tickets created with required information and supporting documentation missing will be sent back to the submitter with a comment listing the missing information and supporting documentation. Populating all applicable fields while creating the ticket will assist the MADiE team when processing this ticket.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Until all required information and supporting documentation are included, the ticket cannot be processed. Including this information at the time of ticket creation will expedite the time from ticket creation to when the team may begin processing the ticket. **Specifically: Attach the measure package and test case export, include measure, library and/or test case URLs, and include the Enhancement Request Form when applicable for the ticket you are submitting.**

# Tickets to be Submitted to the CQLIT

Tickets submitted to the CQL Issue Tracker will be evaluated and the standards team may identify the ticket needs to be moved on to the MADiE Issue Tracker to evaluate MADiE functionality.

## The following types of tickets should be submitted to the [CQL Issue Tracker](#):

- User is experiencing a CQL error in the MADiE CQL Editor that is not resolved after reviewing resources (see list in the Ticket Submission Guidance document) and consulting with SMEs
- User is unable to resolve JSON test case error message(s) after reviewing resources (see list in the Ticket Submission Guidance document) and consulting with SMEs
- MADiE test case results are not as expected, and the following has been confirmed:
  - JSON does not contain validation errors
  - Valid CQL
  - Appropriate utilization of QI-Core Profiles:
    - [hl7.org/fhir/us/qicore/STU4.1.1/profiles.html](http://hl7.org/fhir/us/qicore/STU4.1.1/profiles.html)
    - [hl7.org/fhir/us/qicore/STU6/profiles.html](http://hl7.org/fhir/us/qicore/STU6/profiles.html)

# Tickets to be Submitted to the MADiEIT

The following types of tickets should be submitted to the [MADiE Issue Tracker](#):

- Enhancement requests
- Issues accessing the applications after verifying network or internet connection
- Tool performance issues in which do not subside after verifying network or internet connection
- Error message received which instructs the user to contact the Help Desk
- Clarification needed for functionality after review of resources
- MADiE CQL error that was not resolved after review of available resources, consulting with SMEs and/or [CQL Issue Tracker](#)
- MADiE test case error that was not resolved after review of available resources, consulting with SMEs and/or [CQL Issue Tracker](#)
- MADiE measure export inquiries
- Issues with the measure HTML file (referred to as the 'Human Readable'), in the measure package export
- MADiE test case export (QRDA or Excel) inquiries
- Library deletion requests

# Help Desk Requests Including HARP IDs

- The following requests must be submitted via email at [MADiE@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MADiE@cms.hhs.gov) as they contain HARP IDs
  - Measure or library ownership transfer requests
  - CMS ID deletion requests
  - Revert measure version requests
  - or other inquiries with a HARP ID
- Do not submit these requests until you have confirmed that all users involved in the request have active MADiE accounts
- MADiE allows users two options for adding or removing share access for libraries and measures
  - **Preferred Method:** Users can share or unshare one or more libraries or measures via the MADiE UI
  - If users require assistance, users can submit a request to share or unshare one or more libraries or measures via email [MADiE@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MADiE@cms.hhs.gov)

# UXR Update

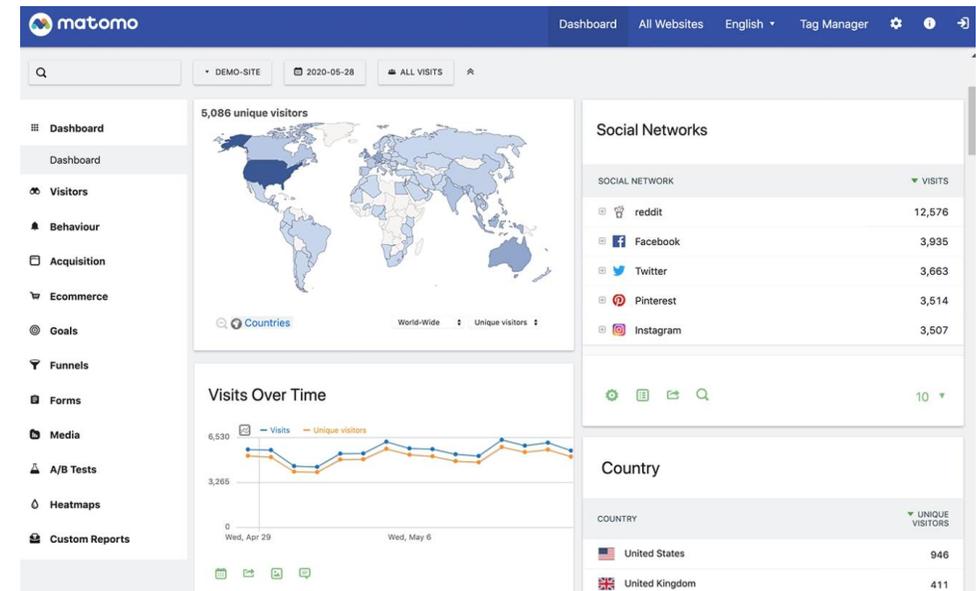
We are reviewing our UX Research goals for 2026

- Review and update 'Emeasuretool' page
  - Review its organization and resource allocation
    - Follow the mental models of our users.
- Explore the Reviewing functionality in MADiE
  - What is the process for Measures and Test Cases
    - Workflow
    - Painpoints
- Review the process of Testing Cases in MADiE
  - Workflows used in the Test Cases tab
    - Functionality
    - Painpoints
    - Learnability

# UXR Update

Methodologies to follow:

- User Interviews
  - Contextual Inquiries
  - Usability Tests
- Web Analytics
  - Matomo
    - Test Cases
      - Tracking tags & usage
- Review Datadog functionality



# Composite Measure Discussion – Refresher

## High level requirements:

- Allow users to select "Enable Composite functionality" on create measure modal
- Only if QI-Core measure model is selected

Create New Measure modal

The screenshot displays the 'Create Measure' modal in the MADiE system. The modal is titled 'Create Measure' and contains several input fields and a checkbox. The 'Enable Composite functionality' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a yellow box. An arrow points from this checkbox to a larger yellow box on the right that says 'Enable Composite functionality' with a checkmark. The background shows a list of measures with columns for ID, Name, and Date.

ID	Name	Date	Action
2154FHIR		12/20/2024	Edit
-		11/01/2024	Edit
5678FHIR		10/31/2024	Edit
8765FHIR		09/09/2024	Edit
6758		07/11/2024	Edit

# Composite Measure Discussion – Refresher

## High level requirements:

- If measure is tagged as Composite, Status column and 'Edit Test Case' header contain "Composite" bubble, like "Draft" bubble

New Composite measure gets added to Measures list

The screenshot shows the MADiE Measures list interface. A green notification bubble at the top indicates "Composite Measure created successfully". The table below lists various measures, with the first row highlighted in yellow. The 'Status' column for this row shows "Draft" and "Composite" bubbles. A yellow callout box on the right shows a detailed view of the 'Status' column, highlighting the "Draft" and "Composite" bubbles.

Measure	Version	Status	Model	Shared	CMS ID	Updated
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients With Multiple Chronic Conditions	1.1.010	Draft Composite	QI-Core 4.1.1	✓	4321	12/30/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measures (SNFRM)	2.0.017		QI-Core 4.1.1	✓		
<input type="checkbox"/> A Change in Severity of the Level of Food Insecurity	0.1.002	Draft	QI-Core 4.1.1	✓	2134FH...	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions Admissions: Heart Failure (HF)	1.0.005		QI-Core 4.1.1	✓	-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Harm – Falls with Major InjuryFHIR...	0.0.024		QI-Core 4.1.1	✓	5678FH...	
<input type="checkbox"/> ColorectalCancerMeasureFHIR4...	0.0.001		QI-Core 4.1.1	✓	8765FH...	09/09/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Addressing Social Needs (ASN) in the Outpatient Setting...	1.0.005		QDM v5.6	✓	6758	07/11/2024

# Composite Measure Discussion – Refresher

## High level requirements:

- Population Criteria tab
  - Scoring
    - Hard coded to "Composite" for stage 1 and stage 2
    - "Composite" is an option with standard scoring options (cohort, continuous variable, proportion, ratio)
  - Population sub tab
    - Hidden for composite scores
  - Component sub tab
    - displayed for composite scores
    - drop down for "Composite score"
  - Options are "Opportunity", "All-or-nothing", and "Linear"
    - "Weighted" is an option, but we will not be supporting initially
  - After the composite score is selected "Select Components" button becomes enabled

Composite Scoring field available within Population Criteria Components tab

The screenshot displays the MADIE (Measure Authoring Development Integrated Environment) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Measures', 'Libraries', 'Help', 'Connect to UMLS', and a user profile 'Jonathan'. The main content area is titled 'Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions'. The 'Population Criteria' tab is active, showing 'Population Criteria 1' configuration. The 'Scoring' dropdown is set to 'Composite'. The 'Components' dropdown is set to 'Select'. The 'Select Components' button is enabled. The 'Population Criteria 1 Description' field contains the text: 'Patients determined as having prostate cancer who are currently starting or undergoing androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), for an anticipated period of 12 months or greater and who receive an initial bone density evaluation. The bone density...'. The 'Measure Type' is 'Outcome' and the 'Population Basis' is 'Boolean'. The 'Scoring Unit' is 'ICUM Code or Name'. The 'Components' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Select', '-- Select --', 'Opportunity', 'All-or-nothing', and 'Linear'. The 'Select Components' button is visible and enabled.

# Composite Measure Discussion – Refresher

## High level requirements:

- Clicking 'Select Components' button brings up a measure search
  - Measures shown must be:
    - Versioned
    - Match the QI-Core version
    - Align with the composite scoring requirements found

## Select Composite Measure Components modal

The screenshot shows the 'Select Composite Measure Components' modal in the MADIE system. The modal has a search bar and a filter dropdown. Below is a table of available measures:

Measure	Version	CMS ID	Updated
<input type="checkbox"/> Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients With Multiple Chronic Conditions	1.1.010	4321	12/30/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measures (SNFRM)	2.0.017	-	12/28/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation of Clinical Response to Allergen Immunotherapy within One Year	1.5.001	2134FHIR	12/20/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions Admissions: Heart Failure (HF)	1.0.005	-	11/01/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Harm – Falls with Major InjuryFHIR..	0.0.024	5678FHIR	10/31/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ColorectalCancerMeasureFHIR4	0.0.001	8765FHIR	09/09/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Addressing Social Needs (ASN) in the Outpatient Setting..	1.0.005	6758	07/11/2024

The modal also includes 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons at the bottom right.

# Composite Measure Discussion – Refresher

Selected Composite Measure Components are displayed in a table

## High level requirements:

- After components are selected:
  - Table is displayed with all measures and their groups (stage 1)
  - Allows users to change groups (stage 2)
  - If measure previously selected no longer exists (version changed or deleted) we need to display a warning that they need to re-select a measure

Home > Measure

### Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients With Multiple Chronic Conditions

Version: 11.010 | Model: QDM v5.6 | MP: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 | Draft | Composite

Details | CQL Editor | **Population Criteria** | Test Cases (5) | Display Alerts (3)

Population Criteria

Criteria 1

**\*Population Criteria 1 Description**

Patients determined as having prostate cancer who are currently starting or undergoing androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), for an anticipated period of 12 months or greater and who receive an initial bone density evaluation. The bone density evaluation must be prior to the start of ADT or within 3 months of the start of ADT.

\*Measure Type: Outcome | \*Population Basis: Boolean

\*Scoring: Composite | Scoring Unit: UCUM Code or Name | Scoring Precision: [ ]

Components | Stratifications | Reporting

\*Composite Scoring: Opportunity | **Select Components**

**Selected Composite Measure Components (3)**

Measure	Version	CMS ID	Updated
Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measures (SNFRM)	2.0.017	-	12/28/2024
Documentation of Clinical Response to Allergen Immunotherapy within One Year	1.5.001	2134FHIR	12/20/2024
ColorectalCancerMeasureFHIR4	0.0.001	8765FHIR	09/09/2024

Delete | Discard Changes | Save

Get Help | User Guide | Freedom of Information Act | Accessibility Policy | Privacy Policy | Rules of Behavior | Terms of Use | cms.gov

Measure Authoring DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENT | Version 2.1.3 | A federal government website managed and paid for by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244

# Composite Measure Discussion

- Composite Measure Creation Workflow:
  - Create New Measure -> Select "Enable Composite measure"
  - No CQL Tab
  - Navigate to Population Criteria page
  - Select Composite Measure Scoring
  - Select Component Measures
    - Versioned measures Only
    - Same QI-Core Type set on component
    - Measure groups that match the FHIR specification for composite measures

Composite Scoring Method	Scoring Method	Component Measure Scoring
Opportunity	Composite	Proportion/Ratio
All-or-nothing	Composite	Proportion/Ratio
Subject-level Linear	Composite	Proportion/Ratio/Continuous Variable
Component-level	Composite	Proportion/Ratio/Continuous Variable

# Measures

Welcome, Nicole

+ New Measure

Owned Measures (4) Shared Measures (0) All Measures (1574)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure	Version	Status	Model	Shared	CMS ID	Updated	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro To MADiE - QDM	1.0.000	Draft	QDM v5.6		1338	2/10/2026	<a href="#">Edit</a> >
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validation Demo Measure	1.3.000	Draft	QI-Core v6.0.0	✔️		2/10/2026	<a href="#">Edit</a> >
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro to QI-Core 4.1.1	0.0.000	Draft	QI-Core v4.1.1			1/22/2026	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro To MADiE - QI-Core	0.0.000	Draft	QI-Core v6.0.0			1/22/2026	<a href="#">Edit</a>

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# Discussion Item

Should only Versioned measures be allowed as components?

- Pros:
  - No component measures will be changed without action by the measure developer. This prevents situations where a draft update could unintentionally alter the meaning of behavior of the composite measure.
  - Measure Developers can't get in a state where their measure does not meet FHIR specifications
  - Allows MADiE team to release sooner
- Cons:
  - If the component measure is updated frequently the composite measure would need to be updated frequently
    - Potentially causing large test case updates each time
  - Extensive and complex validations needed to alert users of issues

# Composite Measure Group Information

- MADiE will display the Measure Groups for the Component Measures you select. What specific information about those Measure Groups would be most useful to see?

Population Criteria ▼

● Criteria 1

[+ Add Population Criteria](#)

Supplemental Data

## Population Criteria 1 \*Indicates required field

**\*Population Criteria 1 Description**

Patients determined as having prostate cancer who are currently starting or undergoing androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), for an anticipated period of 12 months or greater and who receive an initial bone density evaluation. The bone density evaluation must be prior to the start of ADT or within 3 months of the start of ADT.

**\*Measure Type**

Outcome ▼

**\*Population Basis**

Boolean ▼

**\*Scoring**

Composite ▼

**Scoring Unit**

UCUM Code or Name

**Scoring Precision**

**Components** | Stratifications | Reporting

**\*Composite Scoring**

Opportunity ▼ Add Components

**Selected Composite Measure Components (3)**

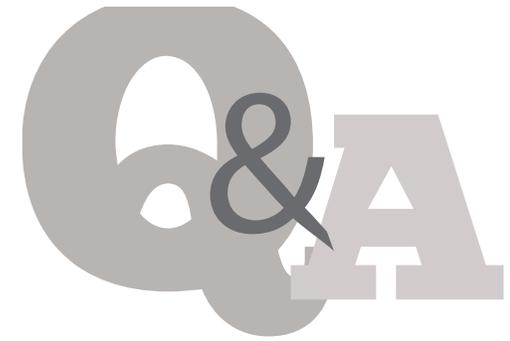
Measure	Version	CMS ID	Updated	
Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measures (SNFRM)	2.0.017	-	12/28/2024	<span style="color: blue; font-size: small;">▼</span> <span style="color: red; font-size: small;">🗑️</span>
<p>Population Criteria</p> <p>Criteria 1</p> <hr/> <p>Criteria 2</p> <hr/> <p>Criteria 3</p>				
Documentation of Clinical Response to Allergen Immunotherapy within One Year	1.5.001	2134FHIR	12/20/2024	<span style="color: blue; font-size: small;">▶</span> <span style="color: red; font-size: small;">🗑️</span>
ColorectalCancerMeasureFHIR4	0.0.001	8765FHIR	09/09/2024	<span style="color: red; font-size: small;">🗑️</span>

Delete
Discard Changes
Save

# Composite Measure Test Cases

- Do you want to see the component population in their composite?
  - MADiE is planning on showing you the composite score, but do users want to see the component populations as well? This is not currently information MADiE receives back from the execution engine

# User Group Discussion



- Topic suggestions and questions for the User Group can also be submitted through the MADiE Issue Tracker located here:  
<https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/projects/MADiE/summary>
- Additional questions or comments can be submitted by using the chat feature or unmuting your own line.
- Our next User Group will be held March 19 at 2 pm ET.

# PII / PHI

- PHI and PII are prohibited in MADiE.
- Measure testing should only represent synthetic patient test data.
- Report any questions or concerns to the Help Desk.



# Resources

# MADiE Resources (1 of 4)

The [MADiE public website](#) provides a Login button to access MADiE.

The [Training & Resources](#) tab on the public website provides:

- **MADiE Access Guide** – how to get your MADiE account
- **MADiE User Guide** – provides details regarding tool functionality
- **JSON Test Case Guide** – steps for using the JSON test case editor. This document has been updated to include QI-Core v6.0.0 information.
- **Known Issues** – updated regularly
- **MADiE Version Information** – provides information about third party tools used by MADiE and the global shared libraries
- **MADiE Enhancement Request Form for CMS Contractors** – additional details required when submitting an enhancement request
- **MADiE CMS ID Deletion Request Form** – to request the CMS ID associated with a draft measure with no prior versions be deleted
- **MADiE Revert Measure Version Request Form** – to request a measure version number be reverted to a previous version number if the measure was versioned in error
- **MADiE Independent Testing Supplemental Guide** – provides information about testing a measure in MADiE by someone other than the measure developer of the measure
- **Release Notes** – posted with each MADiE release

# MADiE Resources (2 of 4)

## MADiE QI-Core Profile Examples – Updated to Include QI-Core v6.0.0

- The MADiE Test Case JSON Guide v2.1, available on the [Training & Resources](#) tab on the public website, has been updated to also provide guidance to aid MADiE users in updating or creating QI-Core v6.0.0 test cases in MADiE.
- The MADiE team has created a measure in MADiE (**QI-Corev6.0.0 Test Case Template**) with an included test case JSON bundle (**QI-Corev6Example Bundle**) which contains entries for many QI-Core v6.0.0 profiles.
- To continue to support QI-Core v4.1.1 test case creation, the measure (**QI-Corev4.1.1 Test Case Template**) with one test case (**QI-Corev4.1.1 Example Bundle version 2**) is available in MADiE.
- The purpose of these test case JSON bundles is to provide users the framework for commonly used QI-Core v4.1.1 and v6.0.0 profiles that can be leveraged with their own test case development.
- The QI-Core profiles examples in the v4.1.1 and the v6.0.0 JSON bundles are for guidance and are not intended to fulfill any measure or testing requirement. Updates to reflect the specific details of your test case will be necessary.
- Measure developers may copy any of the profiles from either of the test cases to your test case(s) (of the same QI-Core version) or use a source code editor (e.g., Notepad++ and Visual Studio Code) and make any updates needed to meet your testing needs. The test cases may also be exported.

# MADiE Resources (3 of 4)

## MADiE In Depth Training Videos

- Located on the public website [Training & Resources](#) tab
  - [Log In and Measures](#)
  - [QI-Core Test Cases](#)

## MADiE Process Workflows

- [MADiE Help Desk Process](#)
- [MADiE Enhancement Request Process](#)

## JIRA Status and Resolution Use Cases

- Located on the [MADiE Issue Tracker](#) Summary page

# MADiE Resources (4 of 4)

## MADiE

- <https://madie.cms.gov>

## MADiE Release Schedule

- Located on the public website [Training & Resources](#) tab

## MADiE Issue Tracker

- <https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/support/projects/MADIE/summary>

## eCQI Resource Center

- <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/>