The Future of HEDIS®

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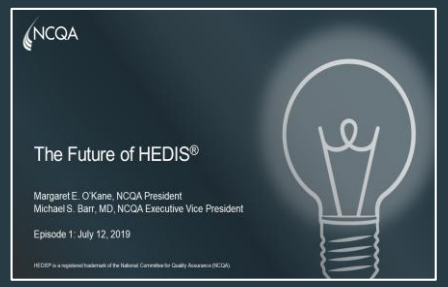

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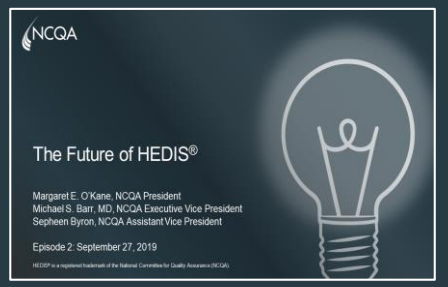

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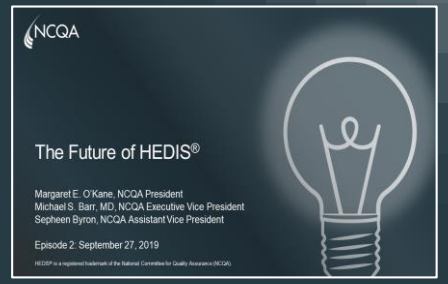

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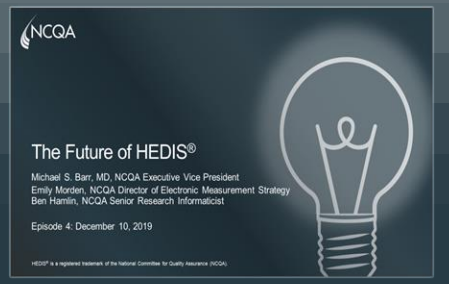


Episode 4: 2019 Year in Review: What's New & What's Next (December 10, 2019)

Why change HEDIS, and why now?

Health care environment

Feedback

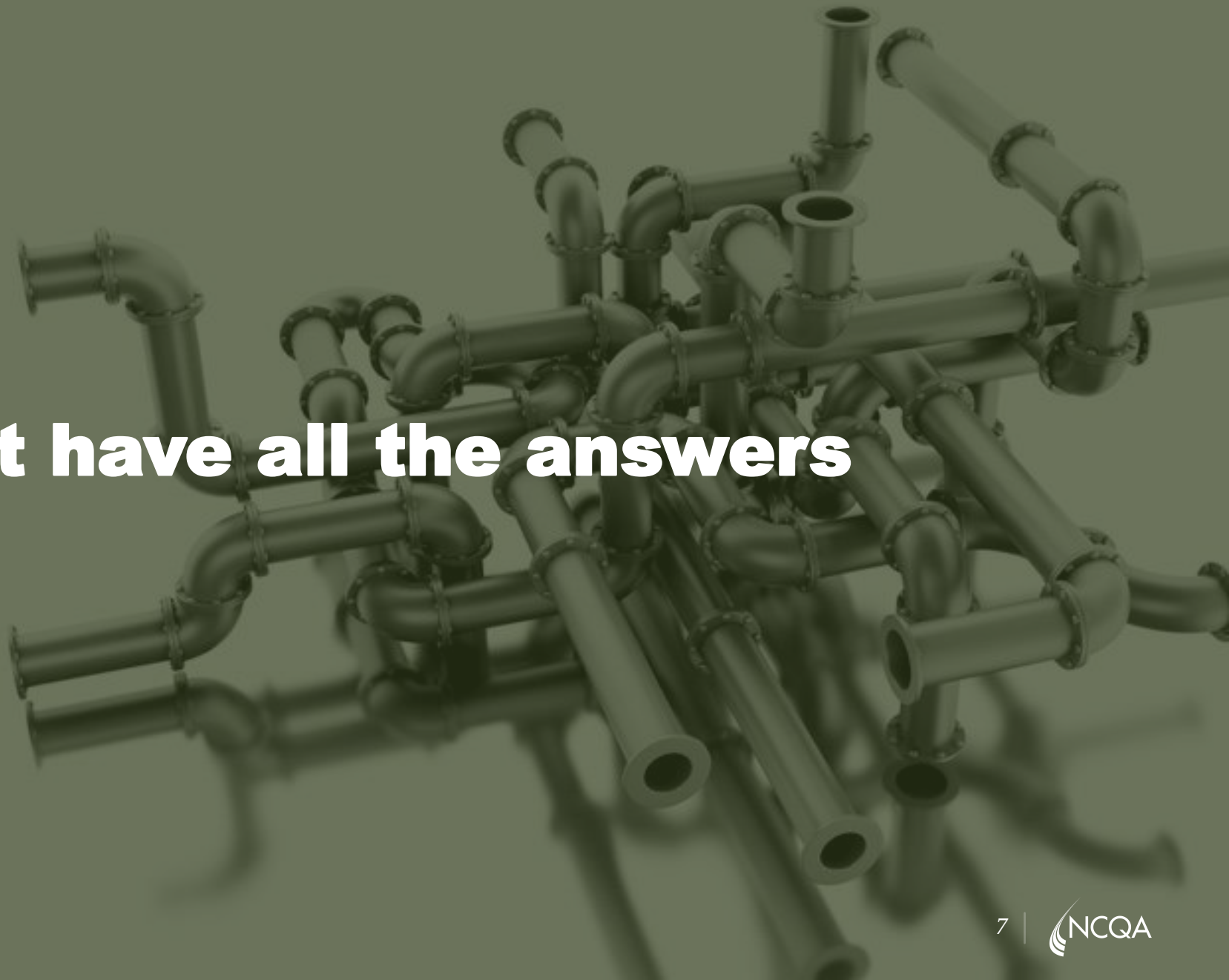
Market research

What's the purpose?

Improve utility of HEDIS

Maintain integrity of measures throughout the system

We don’t have all the answers

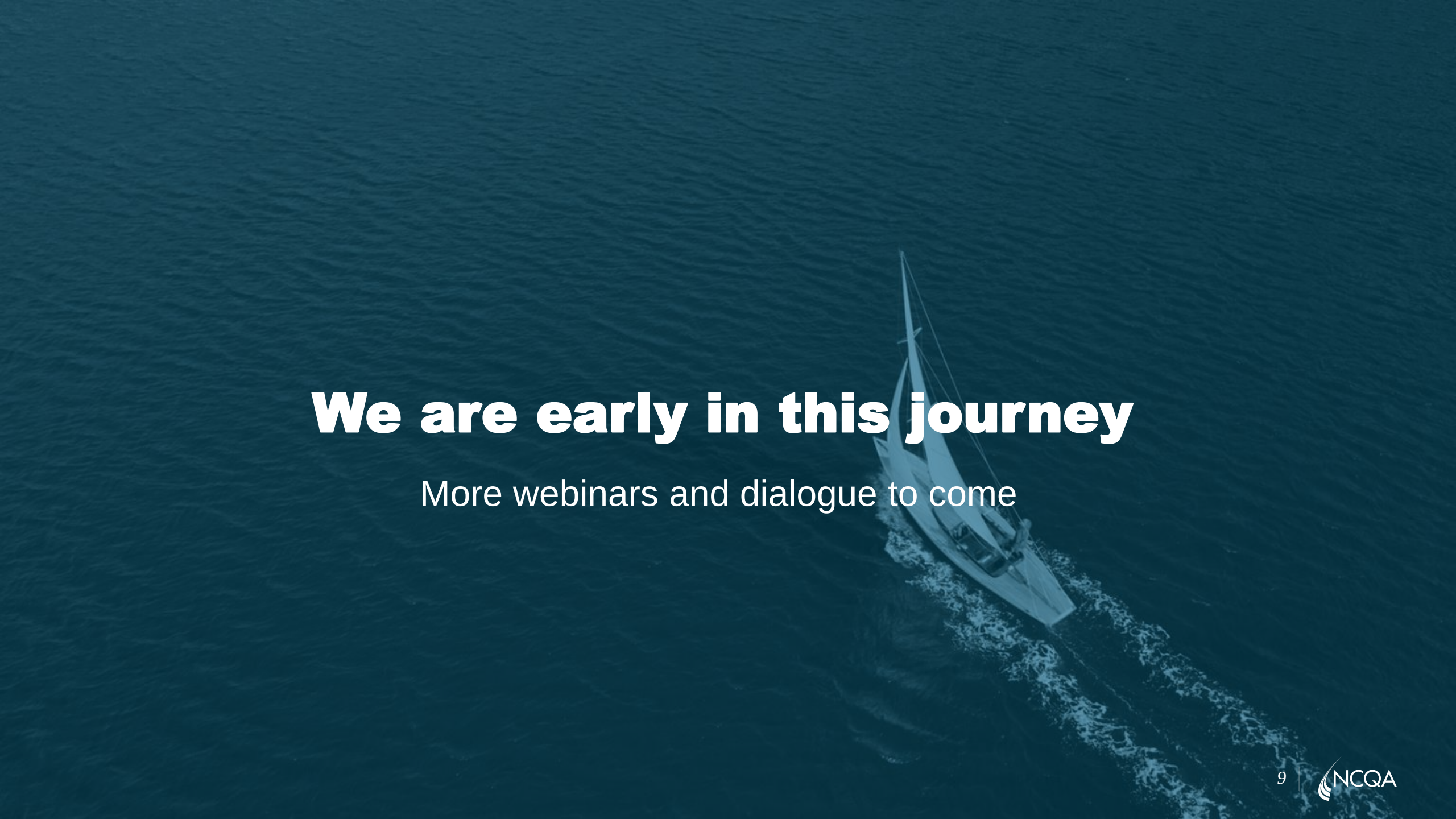


Changes will be gradual

A process, not an event

Collaboration, not commands

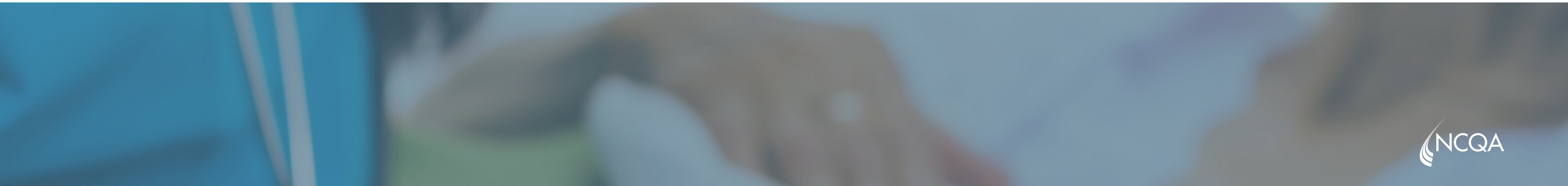
Readiness varies, so the pace will vary



We are early in this journey

More webinars and dialogue to come

Overview of Five Key Topics

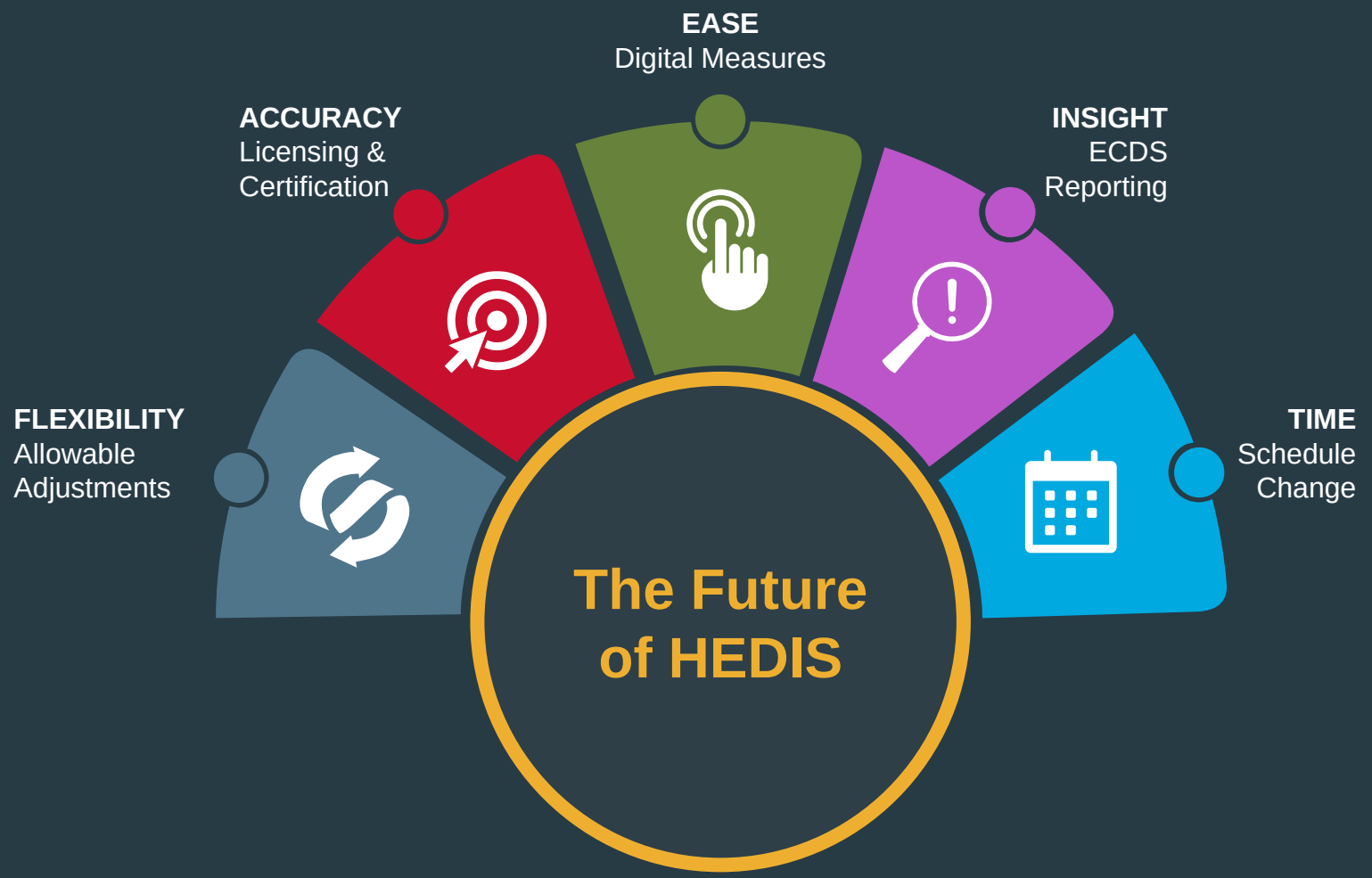


5 Core Topics

"Infrastructure"
How HEDIS works

NOT

Content
What HEDIS measures

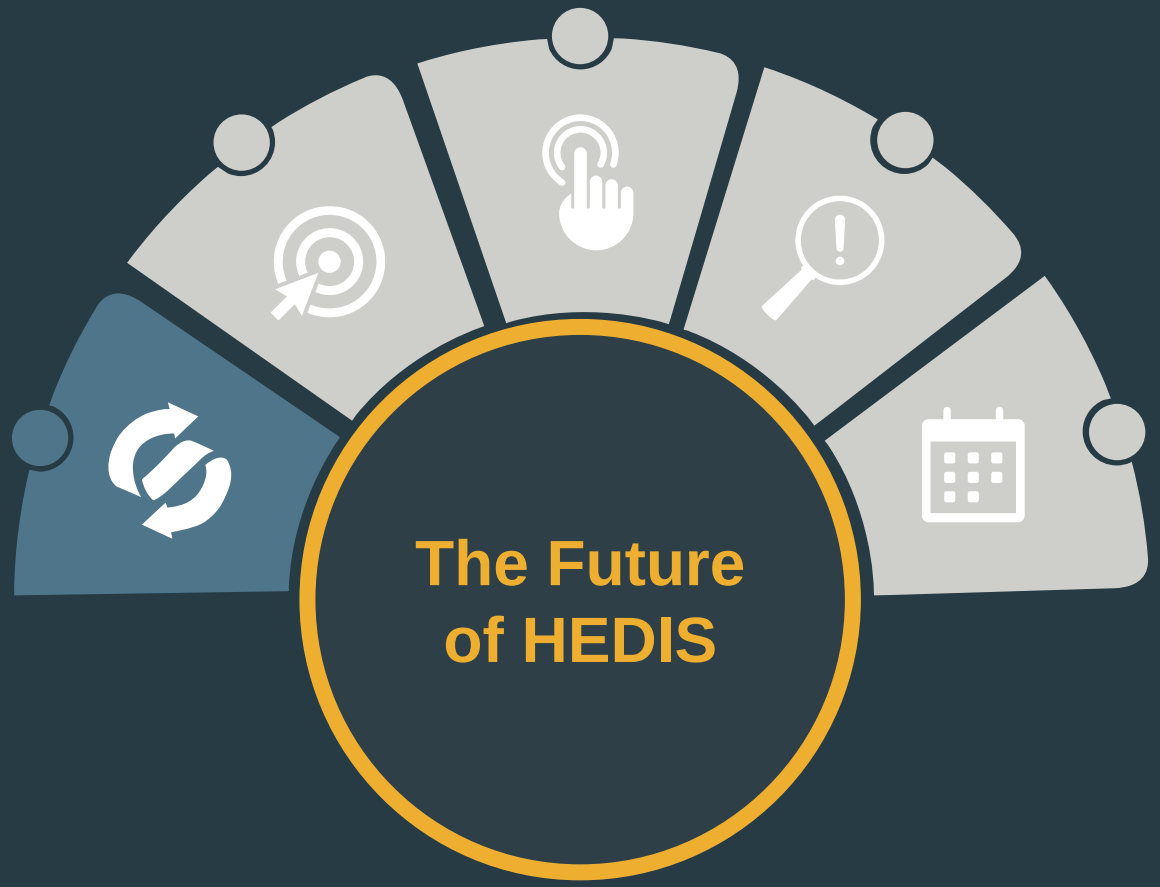


5 Themes

Allowable Adjustments

Measures are used for **multiple purposes**. To give you **flexibility** to do that, we'll tell you what those **allowable adjustments** are.

FLEXIBILITY
Allowable Adjustments



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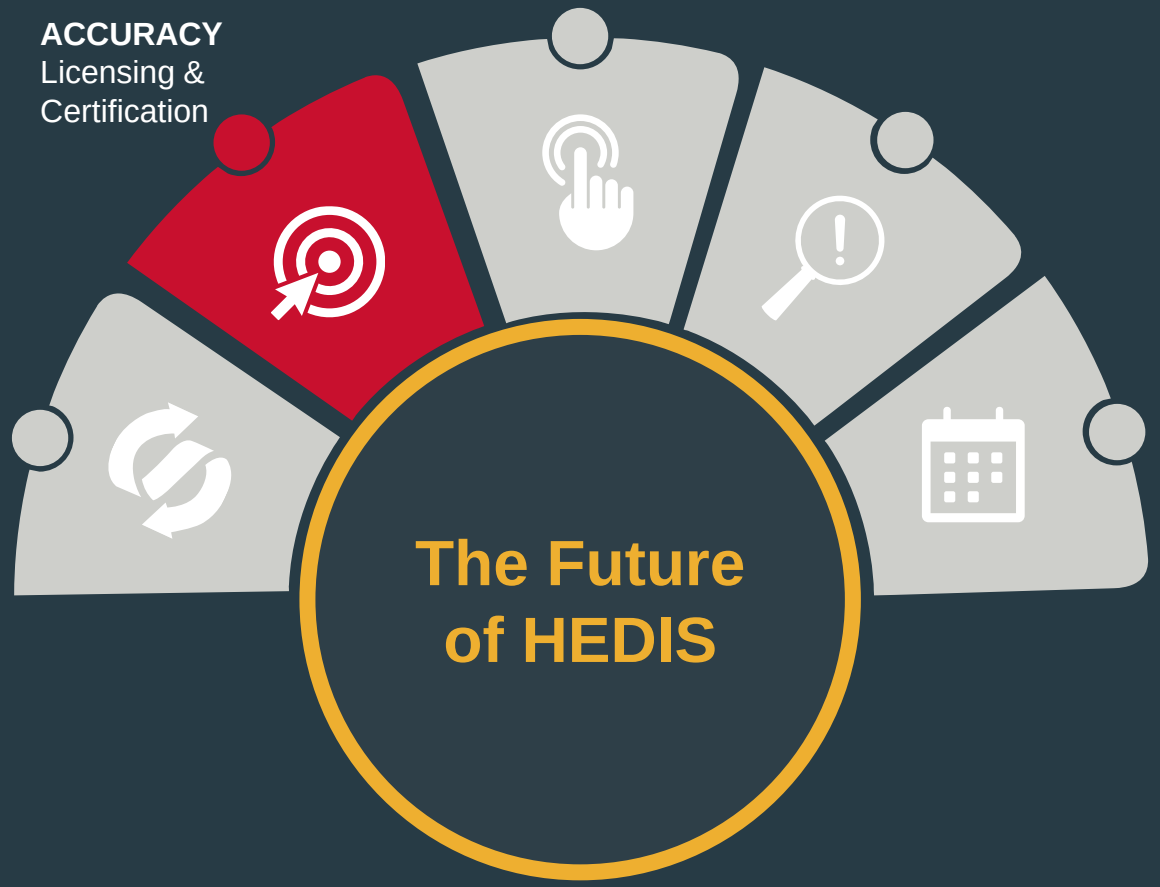
Licensing and Certification

Then, we'll make sure uses of our measures are **accurate** and **reflect the quality** of the care you provide.



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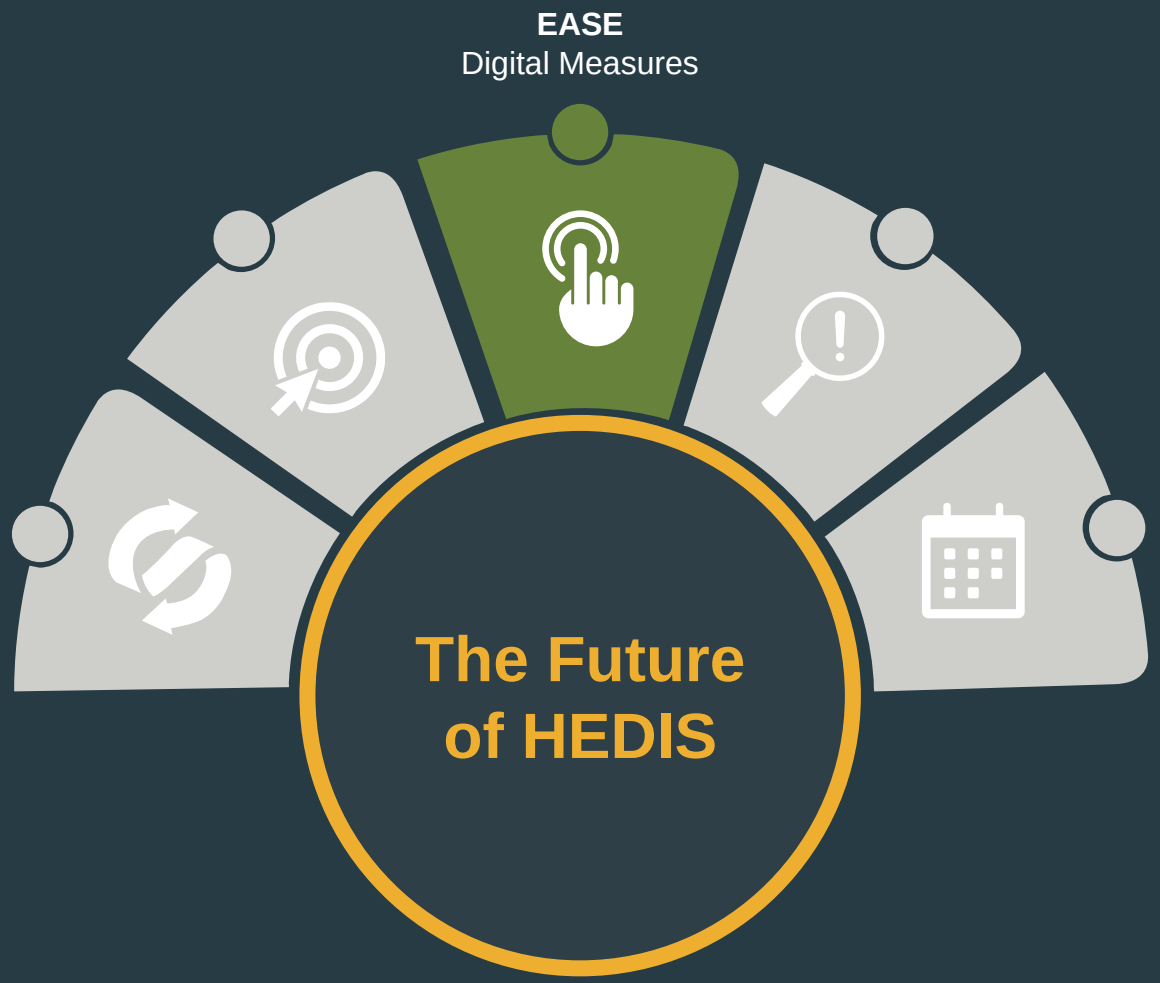
Digital Measures

We'll start giving you measures in a **digital format** that's **easier** to work with.



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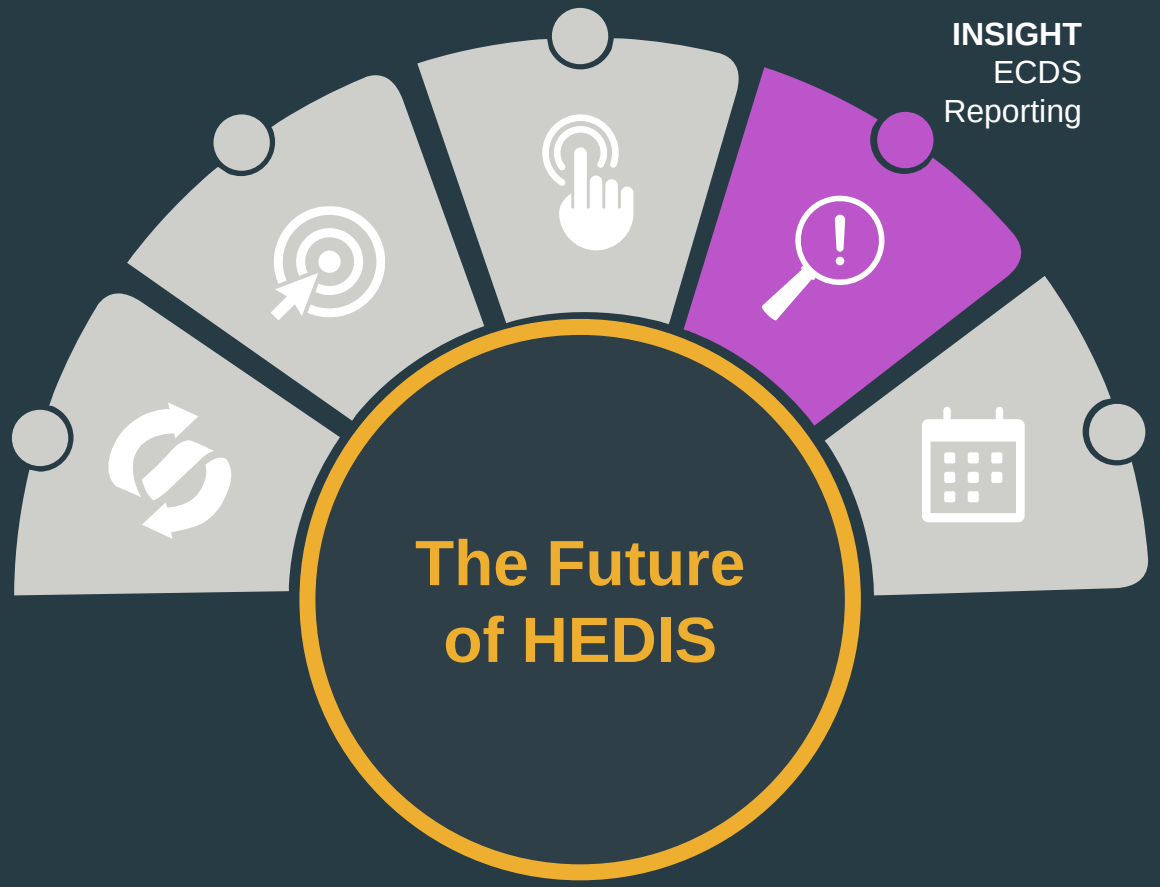
Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS)

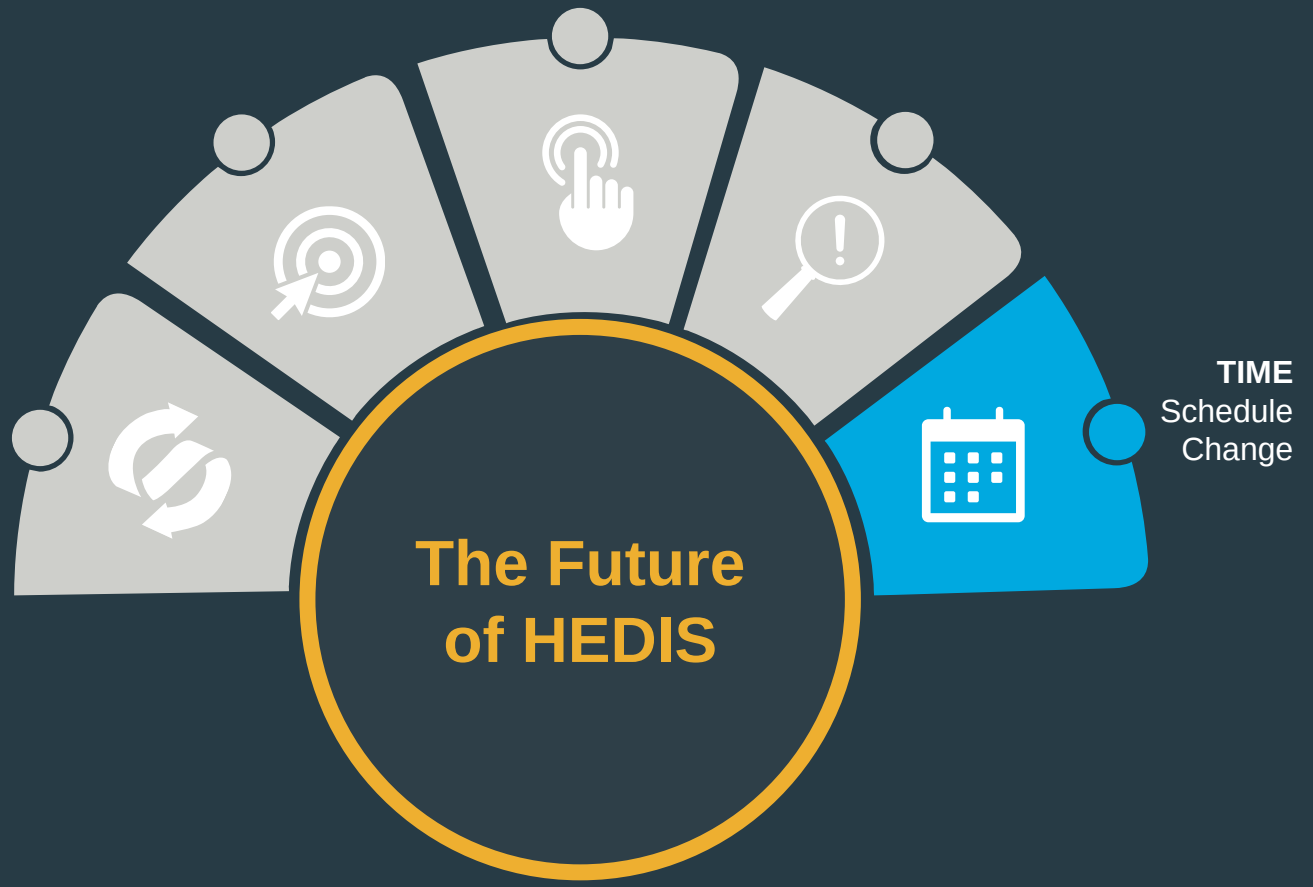
A new reporting method helps clinical data create **insight.**



5 Themes

Schedule Change

And we'll do all of this **earlier** to give you more **time** each year.



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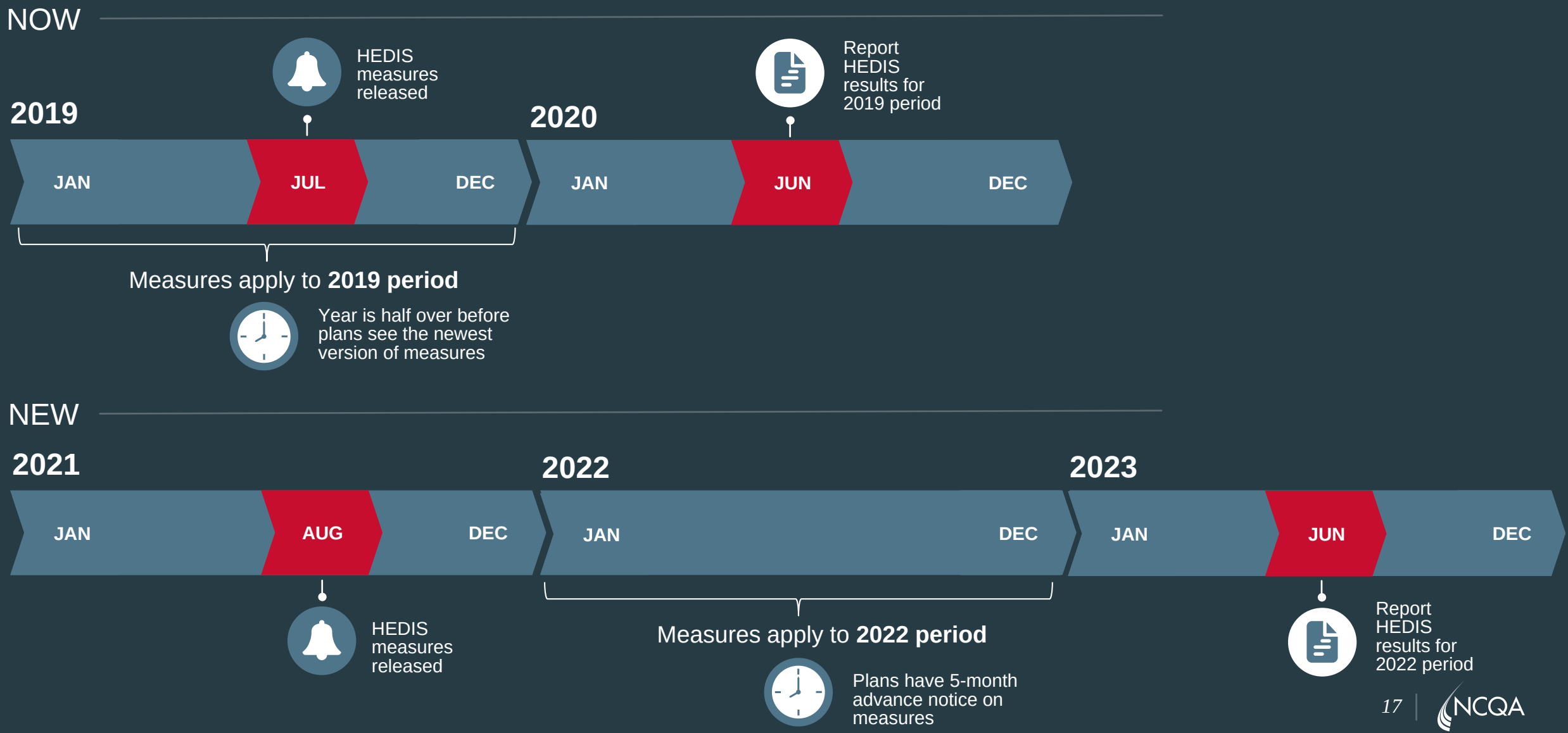

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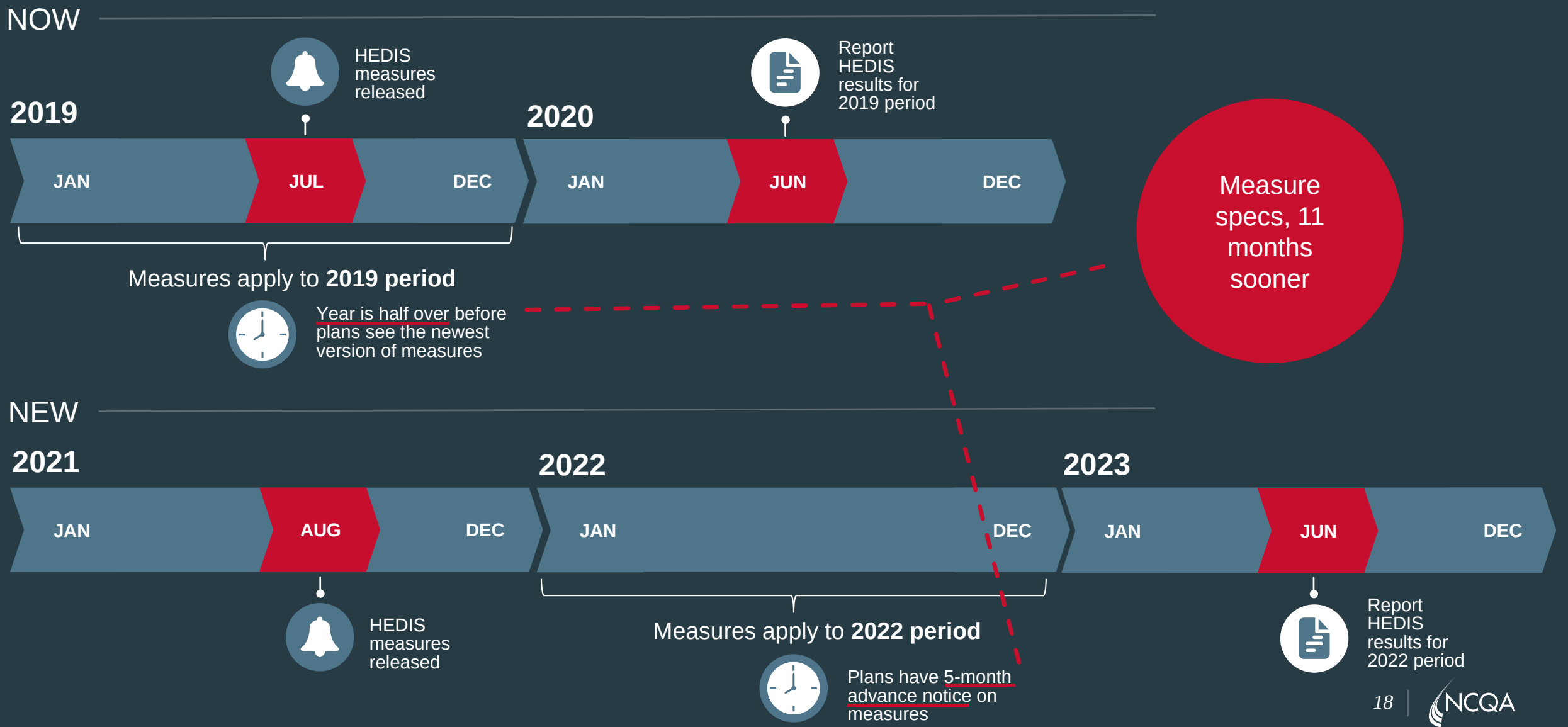


Schedule Change

Now What? *"What's the next step?"*

A related simplification: the HEDIS naming convention.

What's the difference?

Why so many?

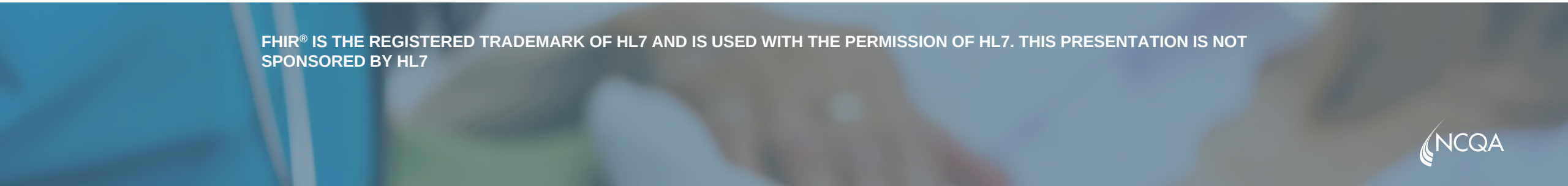
Schedule Change

Now What? *"What's the next step?"*

Transition Year: Two HEDIS editions coming July 1, 2020.

	HEDIS MY 2020	HEDIS MY 2021	HEDIS MY 2022
Publish Vols. 1 & 2	7/1/2020	7/1/2020	8/1/2021
Publish Vol. 2 Technical Update	10/1/2020	3/31/2021	3/31/2022
First Year Public Reporting	10/1/2020	10/1/2021	10/1/2022
Complete HEDIS Vendor Certification (Survey)	12/15/2020	12/15/2021	12/15/2022
Complete HEDIS Vendor Certification	2/15/2021	10/1/2021	7/1/2022
Data Submission Due	6/15/2021	6/15/2022	6/15/2023

What is FHIR® and Why NCQA Is Considering FHIR for HEDIS



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What is FHIR®?

Latest interoperability standard

Fast **H**ealthcare **I**nteroperability **R**esources (FHIR)

HL7 standard

Enables automated data exchange through APIs

Developer friendly

Web-based technology

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Polling Question #1

What is your current level of FHIR understanding?

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Why FHIR?

Paradigm shift in Health IT

PAST	FUTURE...
Desktop PCs	Mobile devices
Static software	Web-based applications and apps
Organizational records	Longitudinal health record
On-premise server	Cloud
Monolithic data silos	Open APIs
Static reports	Flexible analytics featuring big data and machine learning/AI

Why FHIR for Quality Data?

More comprehensive data model

CURRENT HEDIS Structure

HQMF
(Metadata, Population Structure)

CQL
(Expression Logic)

QDM
(Data Model)

FUTURE HEDIS Structure

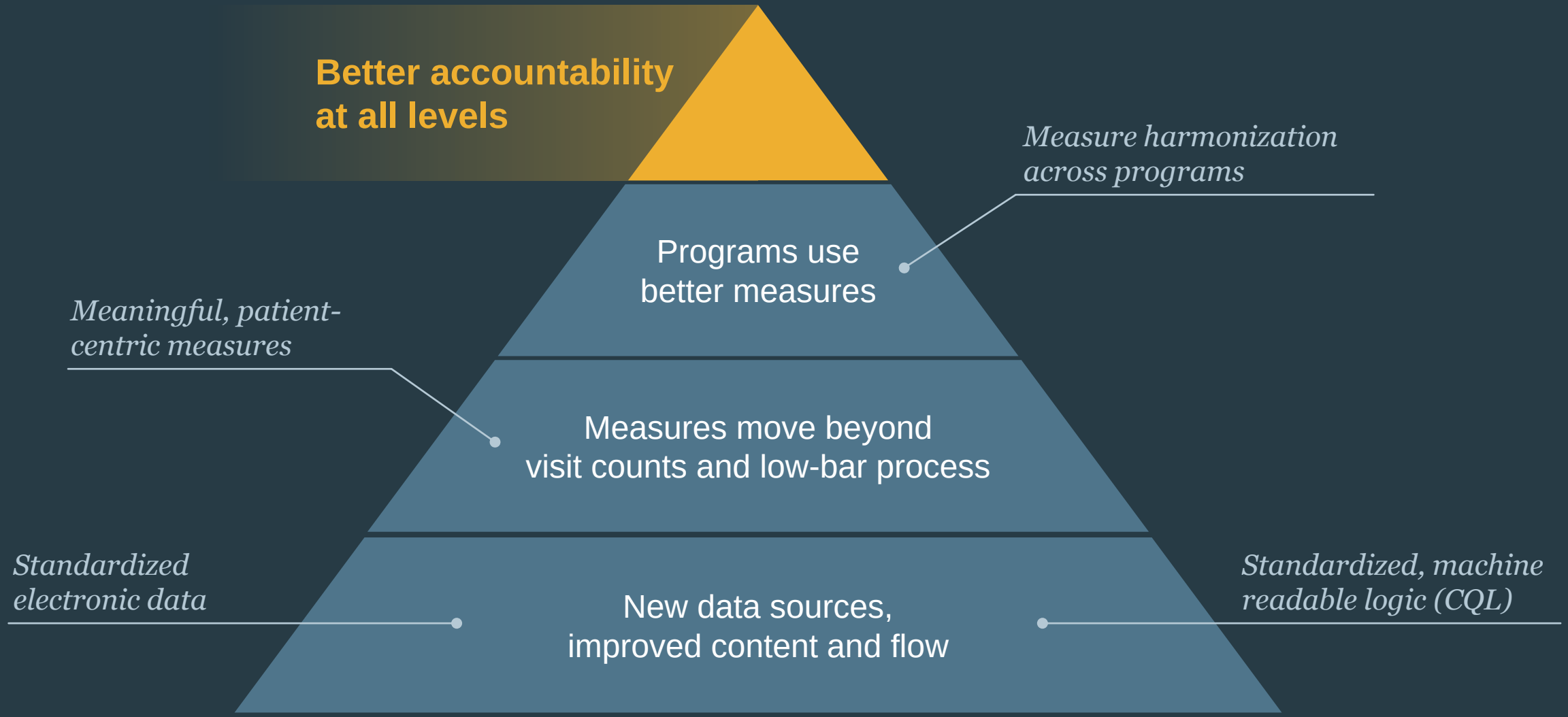
FHIR
Measure
Measure
Report
(MetaMeasuredata, Population Structure)

CQL
(Expression Logic)

FHIR R4
(Data Model)

Definitions:
HQMF *Health Quality Measure Format*
CQL *Clinical Quality Language*
QDM *Quality Data Model*

NCQA's Vision for Quality Measurement



NCQA FHIR Strategy

Guiding Principles

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Meet stakeholders where they are

Monitor developments

Alignment across measurement programs

Send a signal

NCQA's Draft Plan To Move to FHIR

NCQA believes it is time to move to FHIR and for the first set of FHIR-CQL HEDIS measures, it is targeting Measurement Year 2022

WHAT

Release a limited number of FHIR-CQL HEDIS measures for Trial Use starting in 2020

WHEN

Current proposal is to release the first set of FHIR-CQL HEDIS measures for Measurement Year 2022 for reporting in June 2023

WHY

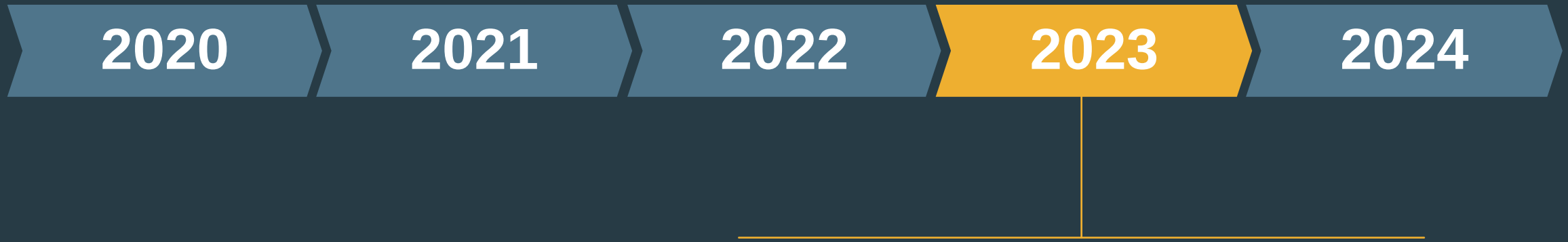
#1 Reduces provider burden by easing data gathering efforts

#2 Aligns quality measurement with other use cases

#3 Aligns with other key stakeholders (*e.g., CMS*)

Delay in Public Reporting

Reporting FHIR-CQL measures starting in 2023



NCQA will delay FHIR-CQL measures reporting until June 2023 (*Measurement Year 2022*) to ensure a sufficient time period to test and implement FHIR-CQL measures

Polling Question #2

Do you support the current proposal to release the first set of FHIR-CQL HEDIS measures for Measurement Year 2022 for reporting in June 2023?

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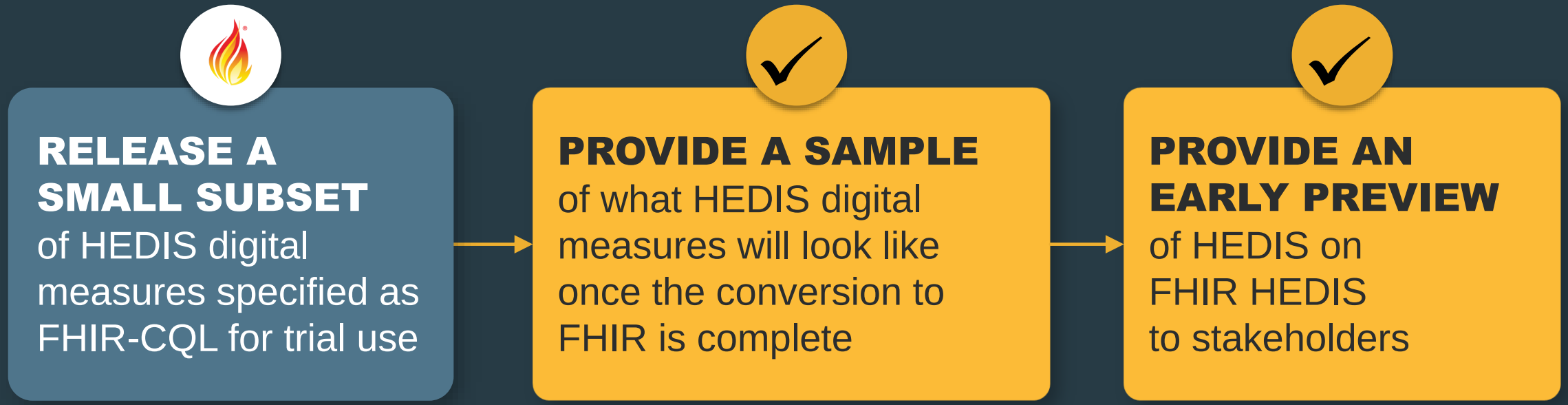
Trial Use of FHIR Measures



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Polling Question #3

Would do you think about NCQA's plan to release FHIR measures for Trial Use in 2020?

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NCQA Organizing FHIR Pilots

NCQA will begin FHIR pilots in 2020

NCQA will be organizing FHIR pilots starting later this year and looking for volunteers to:

ASSESS
the readiness of the market for FHIR-CQL measures

IDENTIFY
any gaps or issues in FHIR-CQL measure specifications

IDENTIFY
necessary resources to implement FHIR-CQL measures

Polling Question #4

Would you be interested in participating in an NCQA HEDIS FHIR pilot?

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NCQA Priorities for Digitalization

NCQA prioritizes HEDIS measures to digitize based upon

Feedback from stakeholders

Use in quality measurement programs

Feasibility

Polling Question #5

What are your priorities for digitalized measures?

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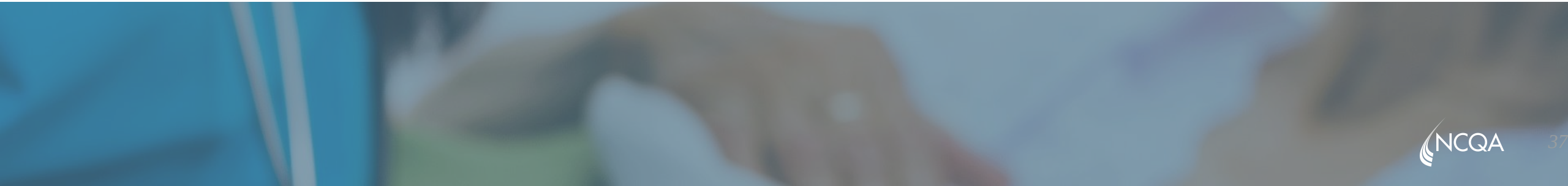
Digital Measurement Community

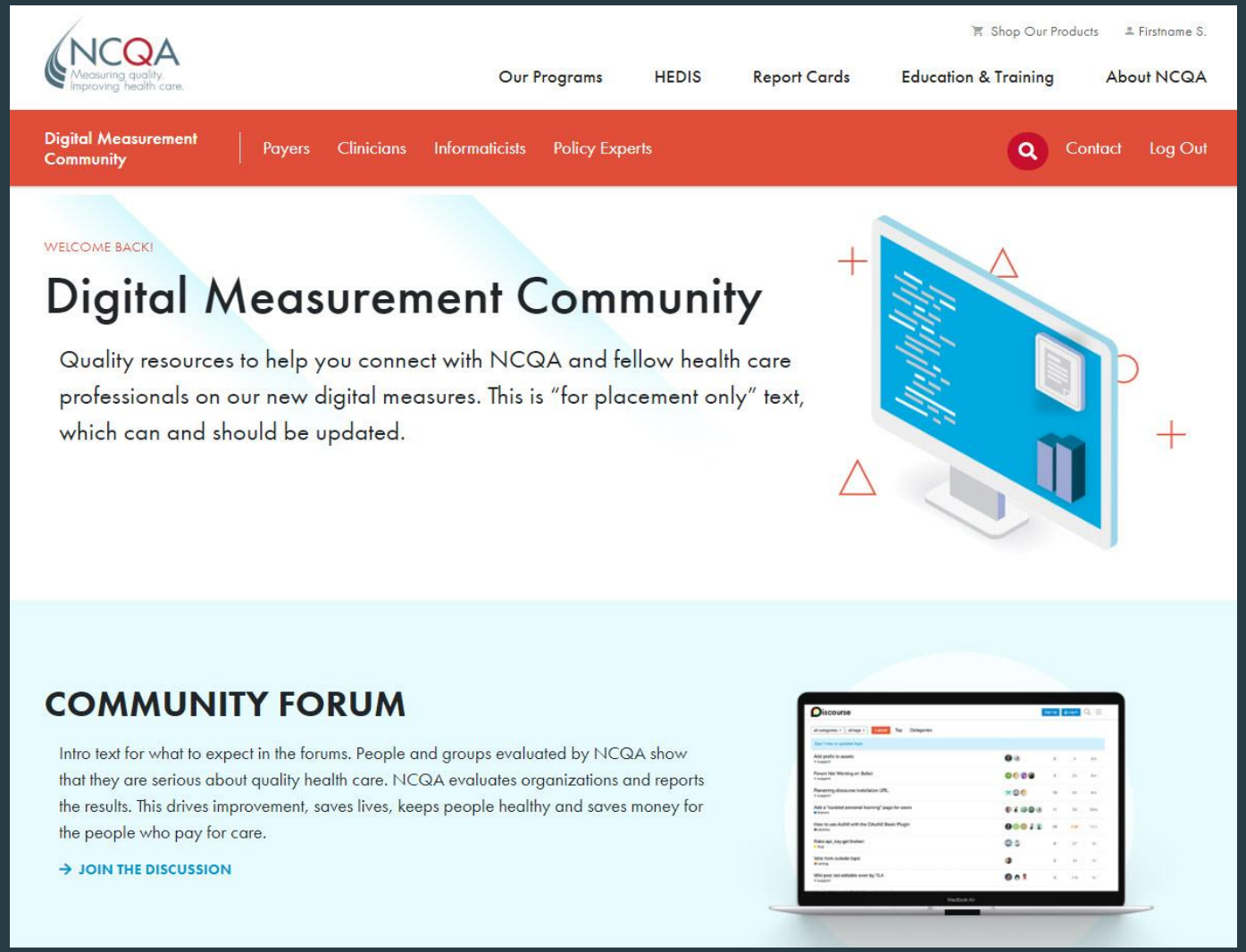


Digital Measurement Community

Coming Soon!

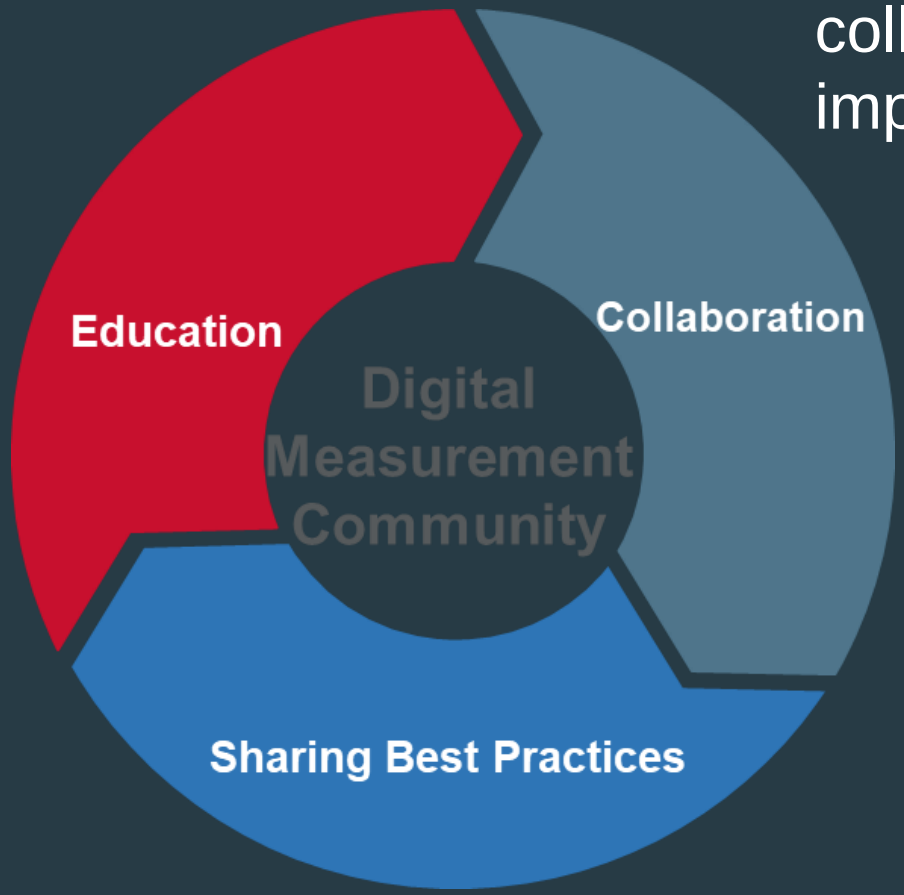
A **NEW** interactive platform for stakeholders engaged in the development and implementation of digital quality measures

To sign up, visit:
www.ncqa.org/dmc
or email
digital.measures@ncqa.org



A New Interactive Digital Measurement Community

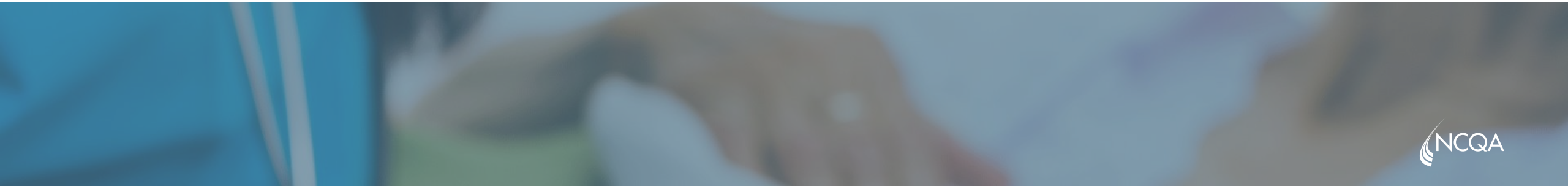
Addressing Knowledge Barriers and Lack of Coordination Across Disciplines



The Digital Measurement Community will foster collaboration around three primary areas of high impact and value:

- **Sharing Best Practices**
  To promote quality and accountability in the field
- **Education**
  To facilitate the adoption of digital measures and related standards
- **Collaboration**
  Collaborating to build a vibrant digital measurement community

Digital Quality Summit



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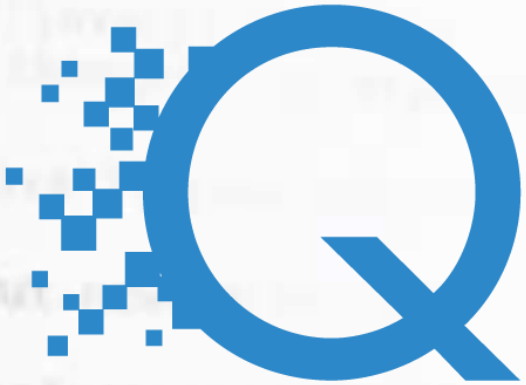


DIGITAL QUALITY SUMMIT

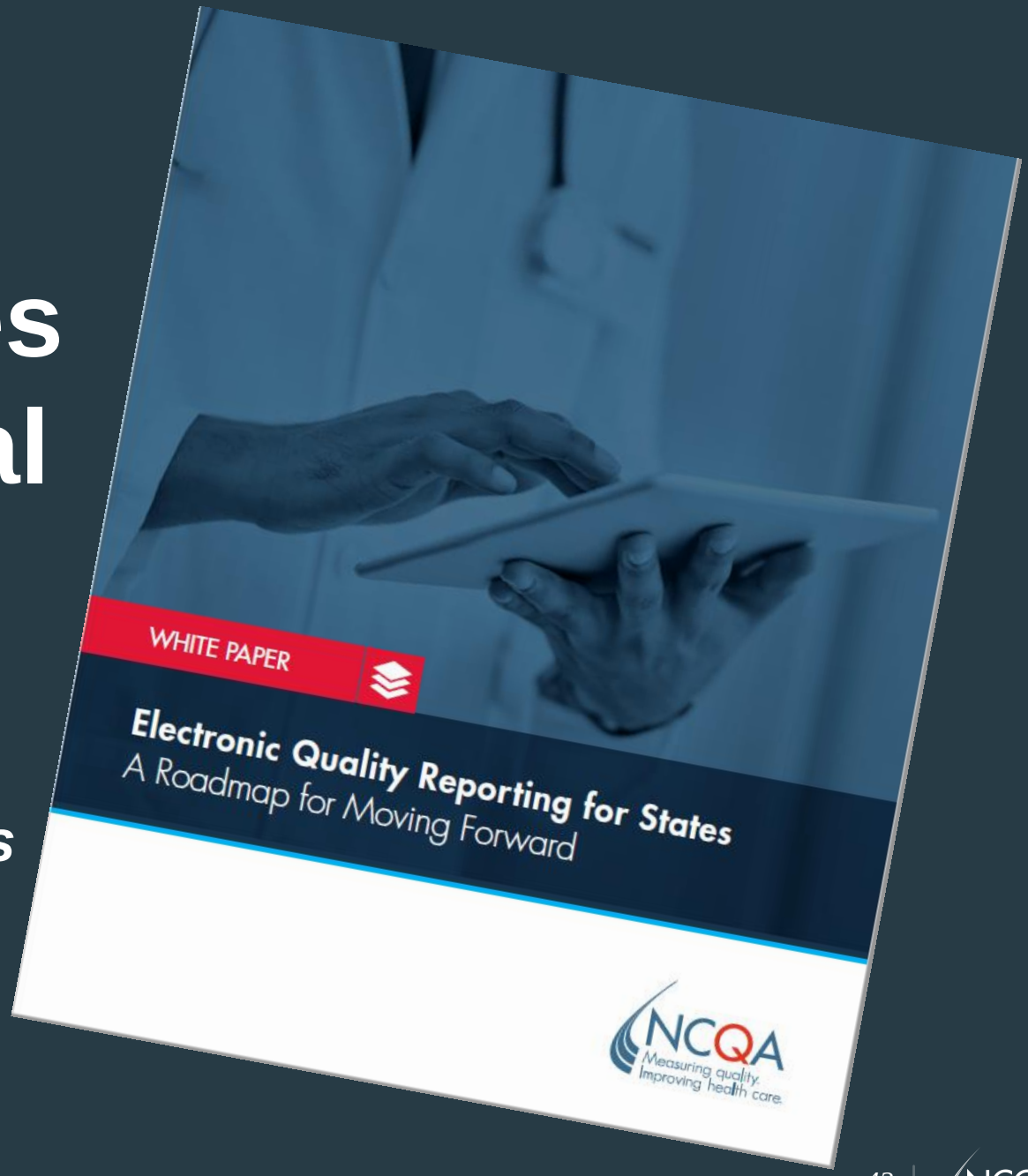
22-24
July 2020

Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

Available for download

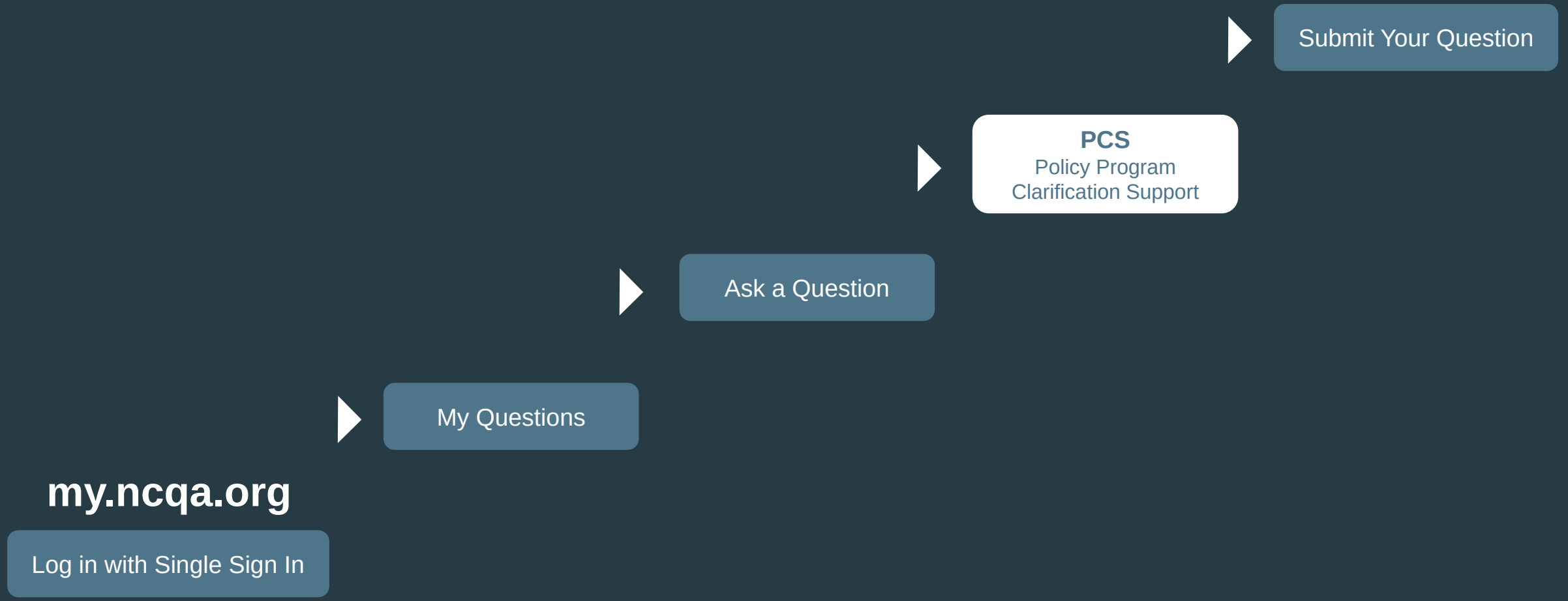
A resource for states from the 2019 Digital Quality Summit

ncqa.org/electronic-reporting/states

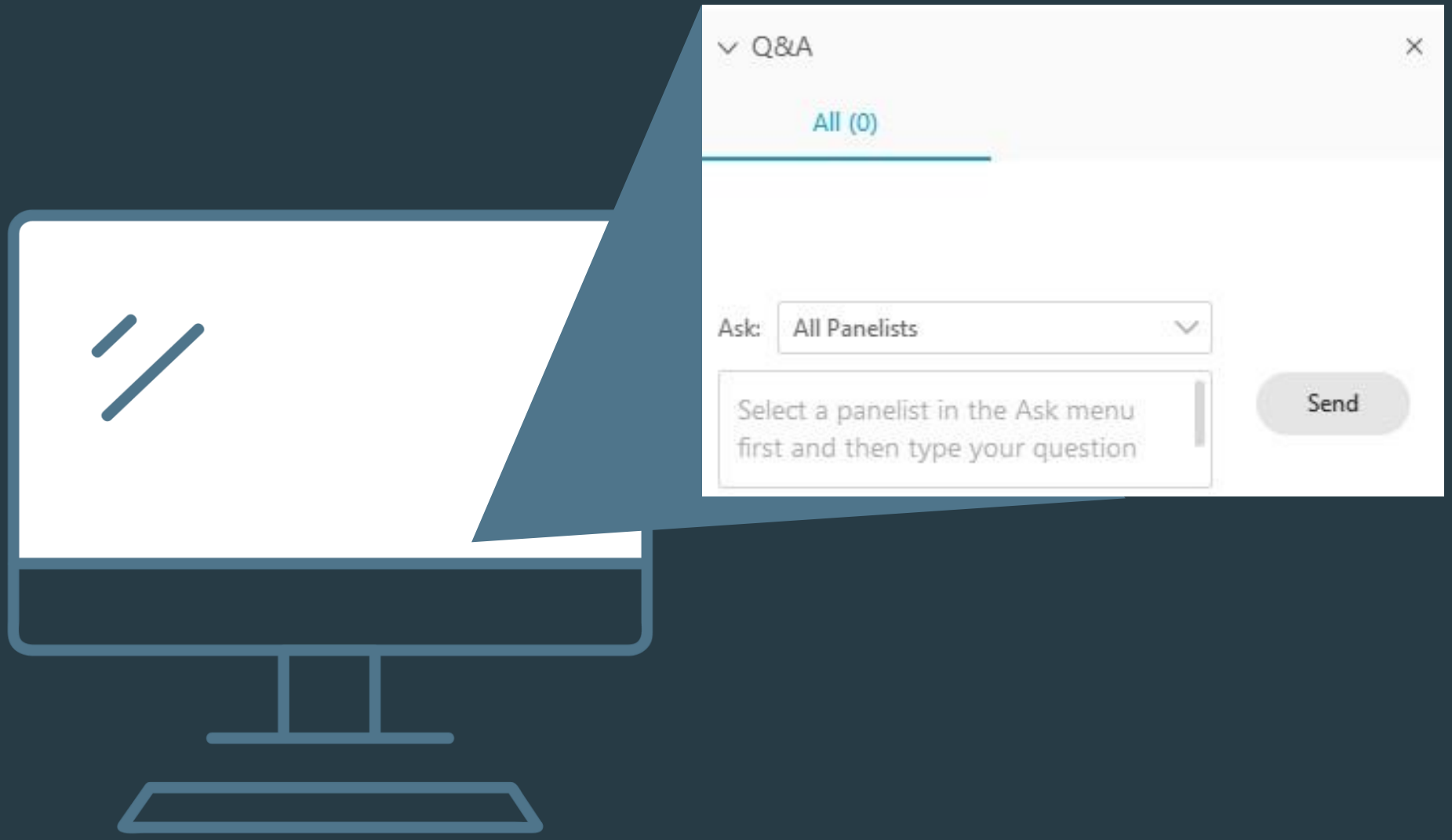


Questions

How to ask questions after today's Q&A



Use the Q&A chat window to ask a question



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