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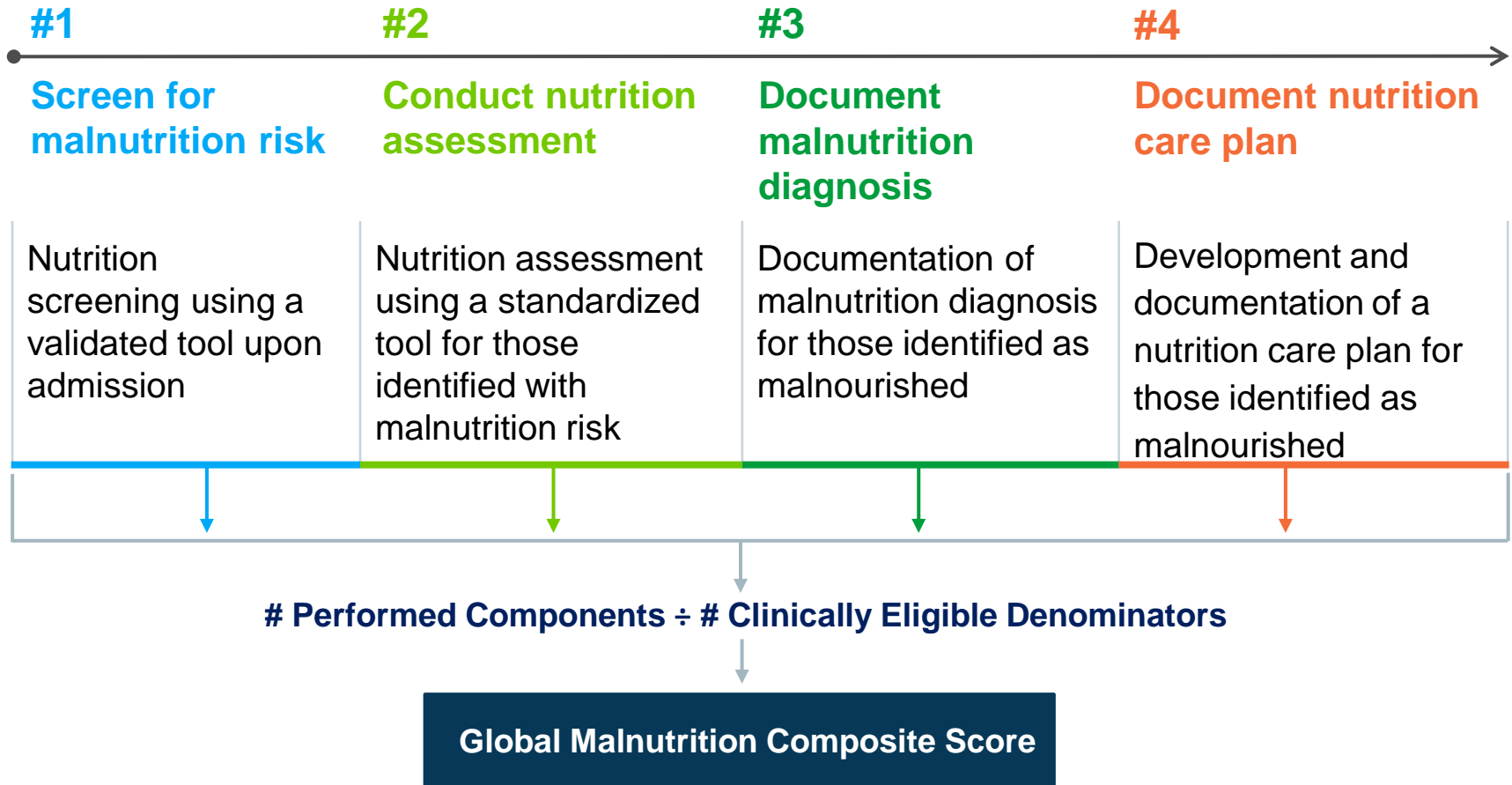
Implementing Quality Improvement and Reporting on the Global Malnutrition Composite Score to CMS

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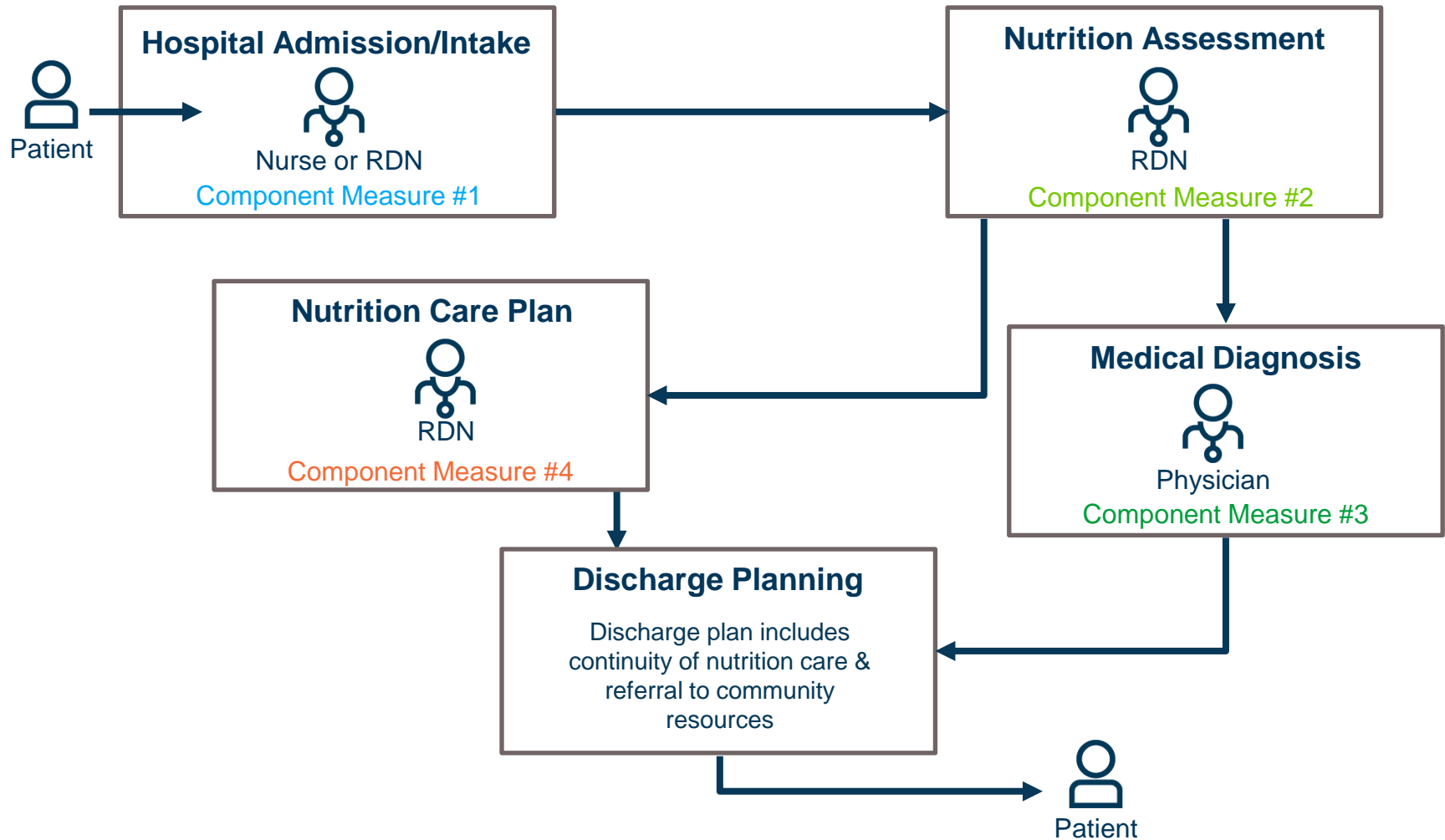
The Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) is a project of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Avalere Health, and other stakeholders who provided guidance and expertise through a collaborative partnership. Support provided by Abbott.

Global Malnutrition Composite Score Components Assess Hospital Performance for Addressing Malnutrition

The Global Malnutrition Composite Score is the first nutrition-focused quality measure in a CMS program.



Anchoring Clinical Workflow by the Malnutrition Composite Components Can Help Address Nutrition Post-Discharge



CMS Annually Releases Rules Outlining Policy Changes to Medicare Payments for Various Settings of Care

The IPPS rule dictates how hospitals are paid for the services they provide and the policies of quality programs in which they participate.

Payment System Rule	Target Providers
Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)	Inpatient hospitals and long-term care hospitals
Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)	Hospital outpatient departments, ambulatory surgery centers
Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS)	Physician services
End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System	ESRD facilities
Inpatient Rehab Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, Hospice Prospective Payment System	Inpatient rehab facilities, skilled nursing facilities, hospice facilities
Home Health Prospective Payment System	Home health agencies

The FY 2023 IPPS Rule has implications for the nutrition field due to the addition of the Global Malnutrition Composite Score to a hospital quality reporting program

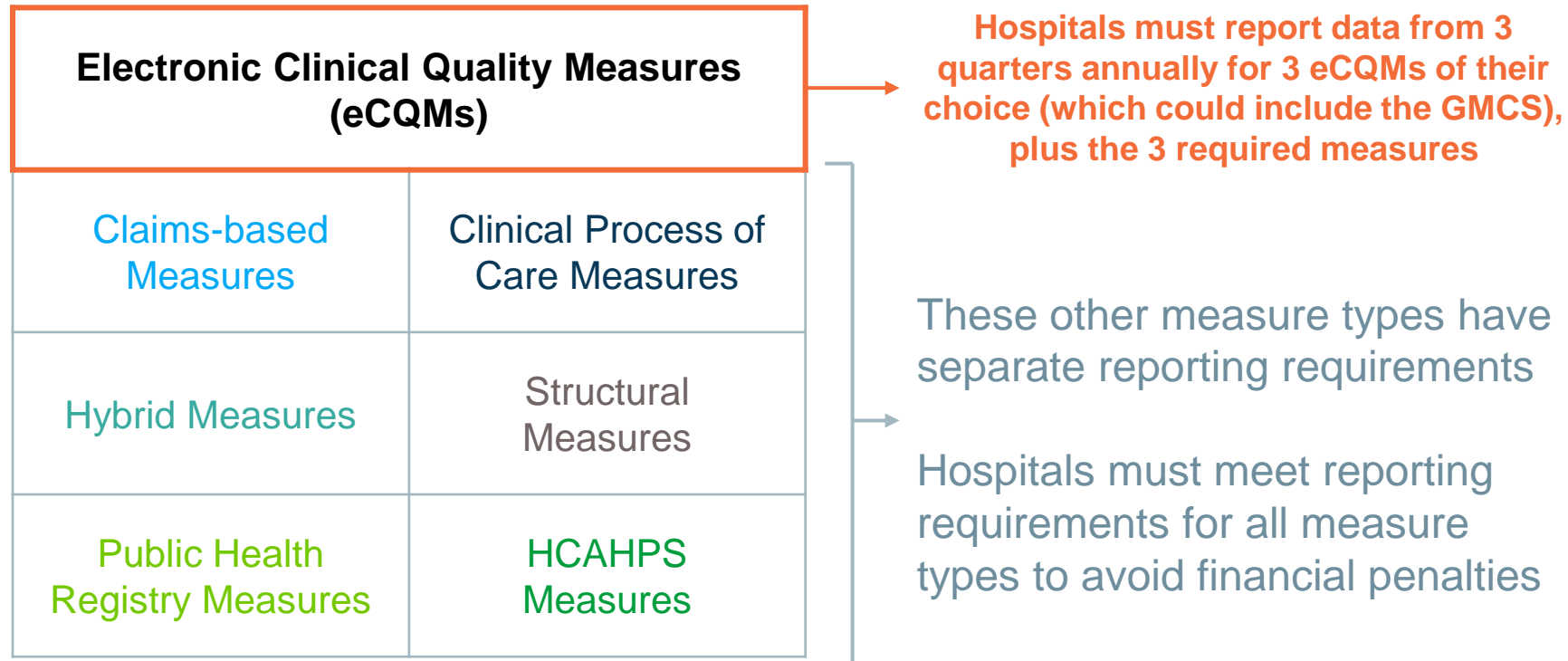
The IPPS Rule Dictates Policies for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program

Program Description

- The Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program is a *pay-for-reporting* program regulated through the IPPS rule
 - To receive full payment, hospitals are required to submit data on measures for health conditions common to Medicare patients that typically result in hospitalization
- Data are publicly released after 2 years by CMS on [CareCompare](#)
- Measures included in IQR are typically focused on reducing hospital-related complications and ensuring appropriate and high-quality care for cardiovascular events
- CMS is expanding the focus to other conditions (e.g., malnutrition, maternal health, etc.) with new quality measures

Electronic Clinical Quality Measures Are One Type of Measure Reported Through the Hospital IQR Program

The Hospital IQR Program has different reporting requirements for all of the required measure types listed below.*



IQR: Inpatient Quality Reporting Program; GMCS: Global Malnutrition Composite Score; HCAHPS: Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

Sources: CMS. Hospital IQR Program. Access [here](#); CMS. Hospital IQR Program Guide for FY 2024. Access [here](#).

*Does not reflect all of the requirements for IQR participation, additional requirements relate to data accuracy attestations, vaccination coverage of healthcare personnel, etc.

The Hospital IQR Program Now Contains a Nutrition-Related Electronic Clinical Quality Measure

Financial Impact of IQR

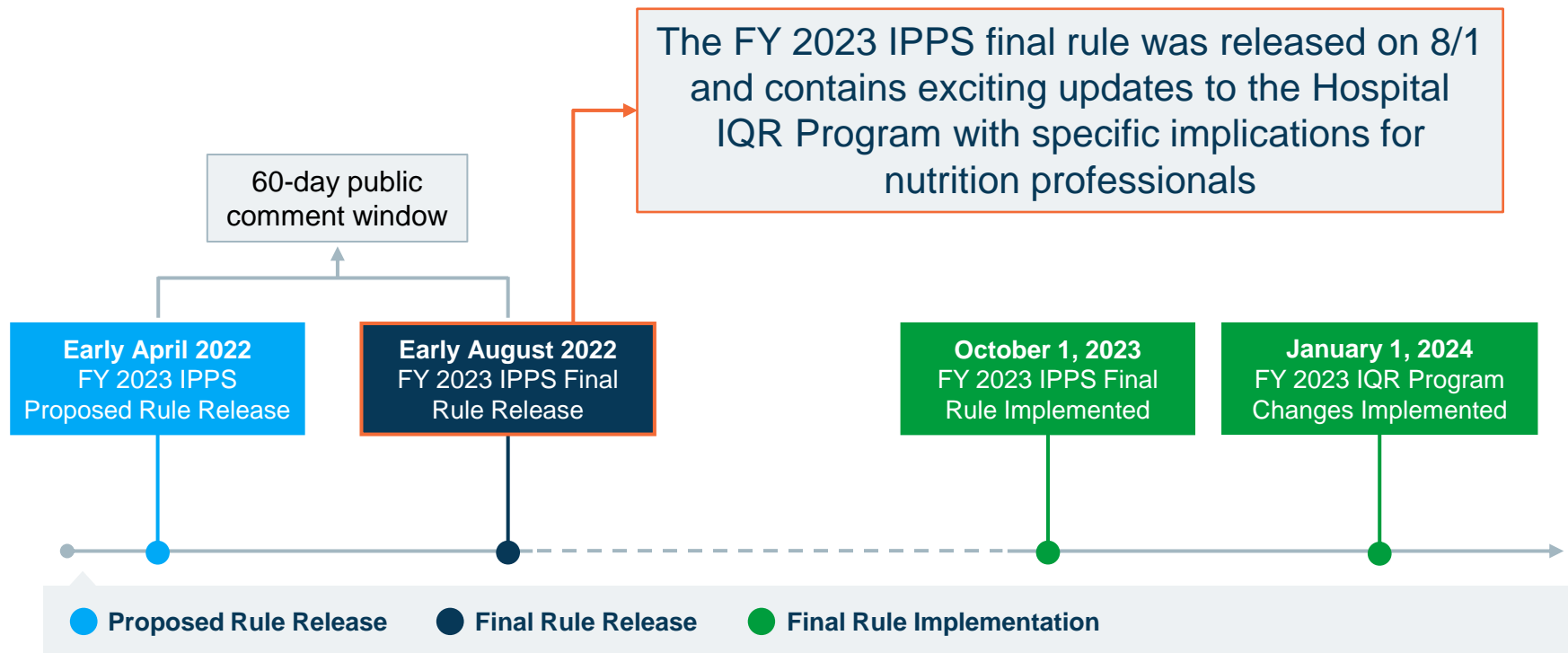
- Hospitals failing to report adequately to CMS based on IQR will be subject to a 1/4 reduction of the “market basket update,” which is a combination of payments for multiple medical items and services received annually

New Opportunity for Nutrition

- The Global Malnutrition Composite Score was [finalized for inclusion](#) in the Hospital IQR Program and is now 1 of the 3 self-selected electronic clinical quality measures on which hospitals can report beginning in 2024
 - Reporting on the GMCS can help fulfill the eCQM requirement for the Hospital IQR Program and ensure a hospital receives its full payment

The GMCS Will Become Available for Reporting in January 2024 and RDNs Can Champion Its Use

Hospitals and health systems can prepare in 2023 for reporting in 2024 by implementing the care workflow that underpins the GMCS and collecting data on its performance



- See the [Academy website](#), the new MQii [GMCS webpage](#), and [Avalere Health's press release](#) for more information about the GMCS