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## Overview of the Physician- Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)

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# Disclaimer

- The views expressed today represent my personal views, not necessarily the views of the PTAC or the Department of Health & Human Services.

# What is the PTAC?

- The Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) was created under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)

# What is MACRA?

- Bipartisan legislation enacted in 2015
  - Repealed the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Formula
  - Changed how Medicare rewards clinicians for value over volume
  - Created the Merit-Based Incentive Payments System (MIPS) that streamlines three Medicare payment programs
  - **Created the PTAC**

# What are physician-focused payment models?

- As defined in the MACRA Final Rule, released October 14, 2016, a physician-focused payment model is an Alternative Payment Model:
  - (1) In which Medicare is a payer;
  - (2) In which eligible clinicians that are eligible professionals as defined in section 1848(k)(3)(B) of the Act are participants and play a core role in implementing the APM's payment methodology, and
  - (3) Which targets the quality and costs of services that eligible professionals participating in the Alternative Payment Model provide, order, or can significantly influence.

# PTAC Composition

- Eleven members appointed by the GAO
  - Members have **national** recognition for their **expertise in physician-focused payment models** and delivery of care
  - No more than five are providers or representatives of providers

# PTAC Purpose

- To provide **comments and recommendations** to the Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) on **stakeholder-submitted** physician-focused payment models **using criteria established by the Secretary**
- **Secretary Burwell established her criteria for Physician-Focused Payment Models in the October 14, 2016 release of the MACRA final rule**



# PFPM Criteria

- The Secretary seeks PFPMs that:
  - 1) Incentives: Pay for higher-value care.
  - 2) Care delivery improvements: Promote better care coordination, protect patient safety, and encourage patient engagement.
  - 3) Information Enhancements: Improving the availability of information to guide decision-making.

# PTAC Priorities

- Preparation for proposal submissions on December 1, 2016
- Public data availability
- Finalizing analysis plan and scoring methodologies

# Criteria for Evaluating Models

- Scope of proposed payment model (high priority)
- Promoting quality and value (high priority)
- Flexibility for practitioners
- Payment methodology (high priority)
- Evaluation goals
- Integration and care coordination
- Patient choice
- Patient safety
- Health information technology

# Secretarial Response

- By statute, the Secretary of HHS must **review the comments and recommendations of the PTAC** and post a **detailed response** on the website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

# Stakeholder Model Submissions

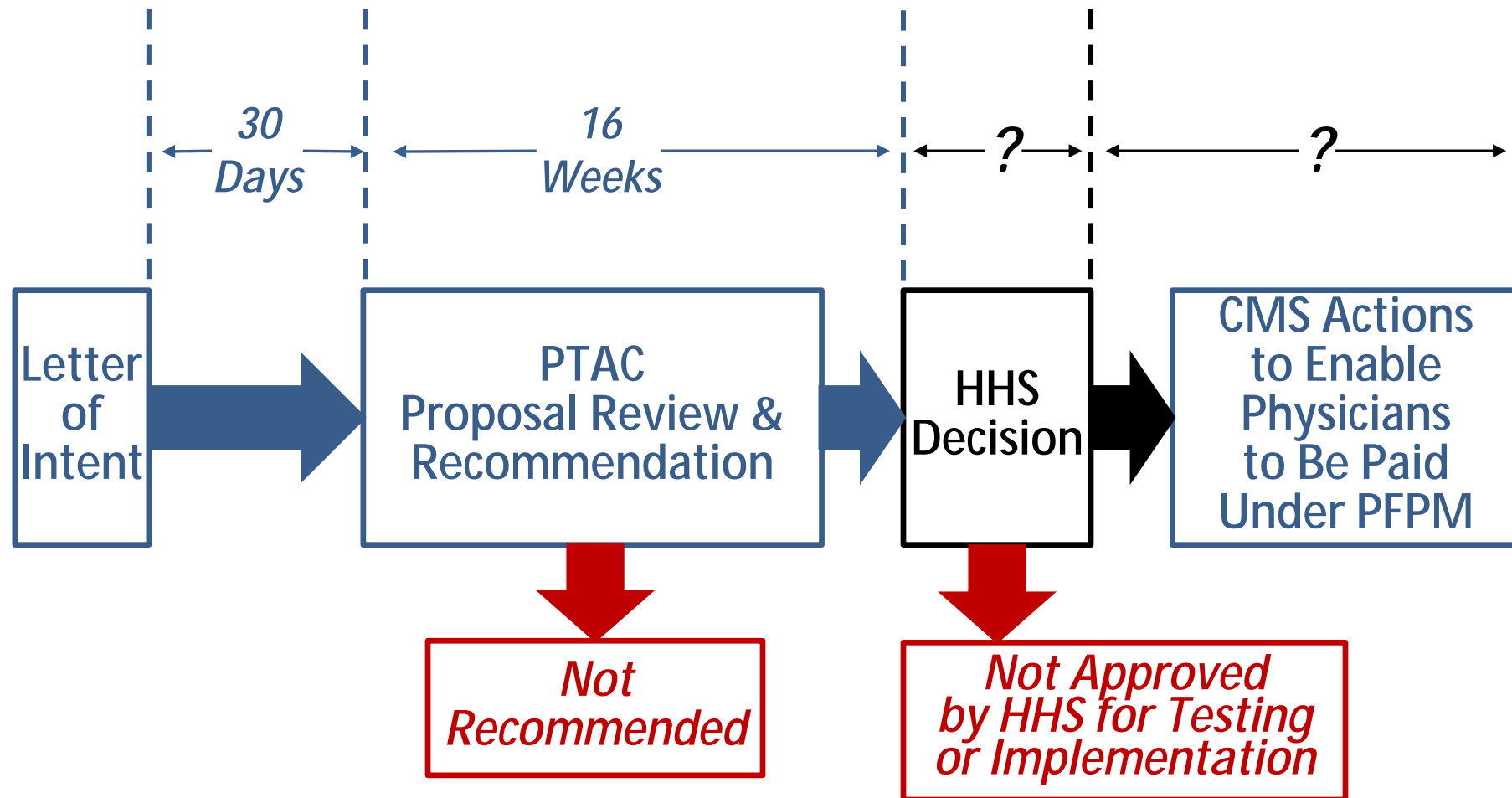
- Submissions will be accepted on an **ongoing basis**
- **Letters of Intent must be submitted at least 30 days prior to full proposals**
  - May be submitted as of October 1, 2016
- **Full proposals may be submitted after December 1, 2016**

# Principles Guiding Request for Submissions

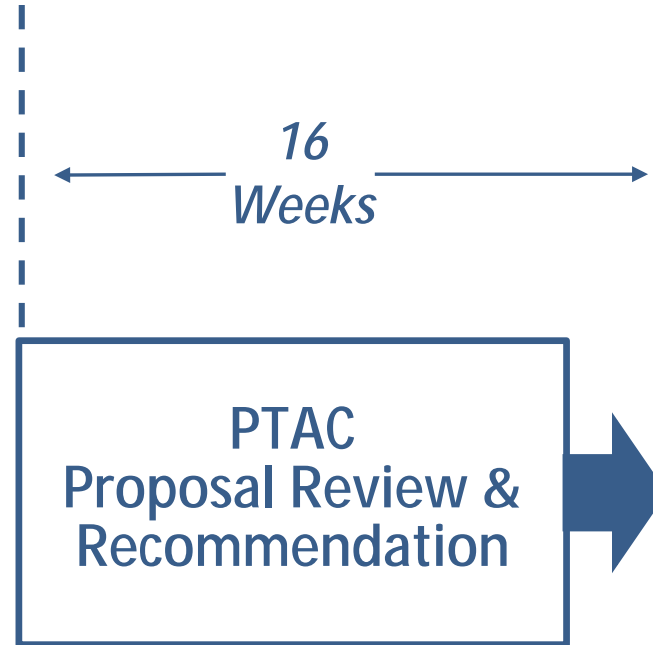
The PTAC is attempting to balance several principles in its request for model submissions:

- Giving succinct instructions.
- Providing ample information so the submission is complete.
- Making submission easy.
- Requesting sufficient details from submitters.
- Facilitating efficient evaluation.

# Overall Proposal Submission Timeline

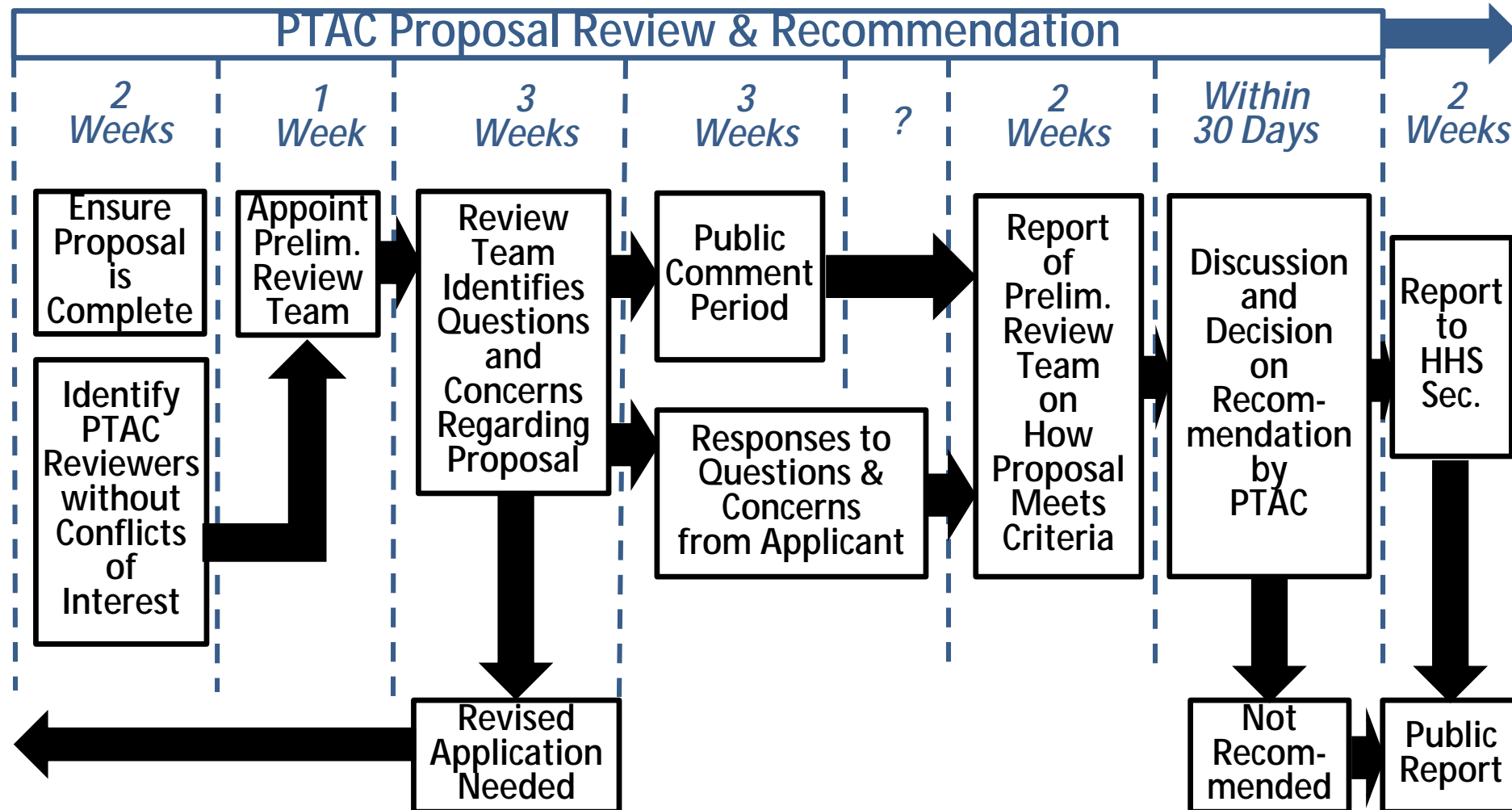


# What Takes 16 Weeks?



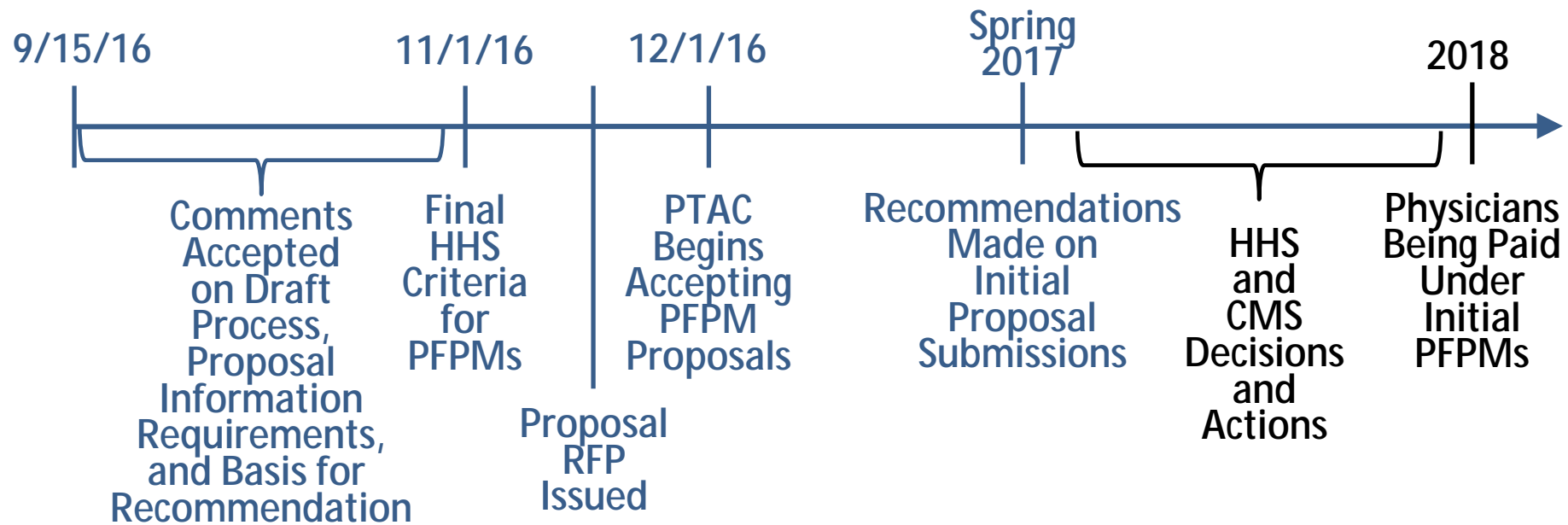


# Proposal Review and Recommendation Process



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Goal: Having Some PFPMs Approved in Spring 2017 and Implemented in 2018



*PFPM = Physician-Focused Payment Model*

# Opportunities for Public Participation

- The PTAC is an official Federal Advisory Committee, which ensures its activities are open to the public
  - Public meetings
  - Public comment
  - Website: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/ptac-physician-focused-payment-model-technical-advisory-committee>
  - Email address: [PTAC@hhs.gov](mailto:PTAC@hhs.gov)
  - Listserv: <http://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?A0=PTAC>