

This would be the 4-Year Implementation of PLS Data Element (current year - 2010)

The cycle is based on “program year” (beginning at the Annual Conference (December 2009) and concluding the month prior to the next Annual Conference (December 2010).

Year 1

At the annual conference (December 2009) data elements for proposed additions, changes or deletions identified. Must be endorsed by 40% of the Data Coordinators attending the conference. Ballot sent out in spring (2010). 45 states must vote to certify ballot. Items must be approved by 2/3 of the vote. There is a 3 week balloting period. Results sent to the SDCs & LSWG.

Year 2 (FY 2010 data collection)

At the annual conference (December 2010), training on new and revised data elements (that passed in Year 2010) will be provided. A new or revised data element will be reported on a trial basis by any State Data Coordinator able to do so. Trial data will be electronically released but not published.

Year 3 (FY 2011 data collection)

The added or changed data element will be reported in the annual data submission and will be electronically released and but not published.

Year 4 (FY 2012 data collection)

The added or changed data element will be reported in the annual data submission and will be electronically released and published.

Here’s a little more information on the years the items will be released:

- Trial Data electronically released in late spring 2012 for the FY2010 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2011) (some, but not all states will be able to collect the data).
- Data file electronically released, in late spring 2013 for the FY2011 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2012) (all states will have collected the data).
- Data file and report electronically released in late spring 2014 for the FY2012 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2013).