

## **This would be the 4-Year Implementation of PLS Data Element (FY2013)**

The cycle is based on “program year” (beginning at the Annual Conference (December 2012) and concluding the month prior to the next Annual Conference (December 2013).

### **Year 1**

At the annual conference (December 2012) data elements for proposed additions and changes identified. Must be endorsed by 40% of the Data Coordinators attending the conference. Ballot sent out in spring (2013). 45 states must vote to certify ballot. Items must be approved by 2/3 of the vote. There is a 3 week balloting period (March 25-April 12, 2013). Results sent to the SDCs & LSWG.

### **Year 2 (FY 2013 data collection)**

At the annual conference (December 2013), training on new and revised data elements (that passed in Year 2013) 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 2014 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 2015 data collection)**

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

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

- Trial Data electronically released in late spring 2015 for the FY2013 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2014 (some, but not all states will be able to collect the data).
- Data file electronically released, in late spring 2016 for the FY2014 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2015) (all states will have collected the data).
- Data file and report electronically released in late spring 2017 for the FY2015 data collection (PLS collection submission period: Jan-Aug 2016).