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Revision of standardized baselines data standard

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Procedural background

- By its decision 3/CMP.13, paragraph 1, the CMP requested the Board to continue to simplify the process for the development and approval of standardized baselines (SBs).
- The Board, at EB 99, considered the concept note on simplification of the process for the development and approval of SBs and requested the secretariat to prepare draft regulatory provisions for its consideration at a future meeting.
- The secretariat, while revising this standard, identified possible structural improvements and editorial issues.



Purpose

 The purpose of this revision of the "Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines" (SB data standard) is to reflect the decision of the Board at EB 99.



Key issues and proposed solutions

- At EB 99, while considering the concept note, the Board decided:
 - a) To maintain the current provisions regarding the preparation of assessment reports;
 - b) That no changes to the existing regulations were required regarding the use of data on CDM project activities or PoAs;
 - c) To indicate in the SB procedure that PPs have the option to choose a validity period longer than the default three years;
 - d) To clarify the requirements for the data currentness and to differentiate the requirements for the coverage period and the currentness of activity data and non-activity data more clearly;
 - e) To set a deadline for the DNA to provide the requested input or receive confirmation from the DNA about its intention to continue the consideration of the submission with regard to addressing non-responses from the DNA.



Key issues and proposed solutions

- For the solution listed in subparagraph (d), the SB data standard is being revised to:
 - a) Provide clarity on the requirements for the data currentness for both the bottom-up and top-down development of SBs;
 - b) Provide clarity on the difference in the requirements for the coverage period and for the currentness of activity data and non-activity data.
- The solution listed in subparagraphs (c) and (e) are being reflected in the draft revised SB procedure (annex 7 to EB 100 annotations).



Key issues and proposed solutions

- In addition to the agreed changes, based on the secretariat's review of the document, the draft revised SB data standard:
 - a) Correctly reflects the scope of the standard to cover revision and update of SBs;
 - b) Includes missing requirement for update of dynamic SB consistent with existing requirement for update of constant SB;
 - c) Changes the term 'static' to 'constant' based on EB 70 report para 45 and other regulatory documents;
 - d) Implements structural and editorial improvements.



Impacts

 The proposed changes to the SB data standard will make the existing process for the development and approval of SBs more streamlined, objective and clear and facilitate the development and update of SBs without compromising the integrity of SBs.



Recommendations to the Board

 The secretariat recommends that the Board adopt the revised SB data standard, and decide that it shall enter into force on last day of EB 100.



Subsequent work and timelines

• No further work.

