



## **NQF POLICY ON DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP**

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is committed to improving the quality of American health care. As health care presents ever more challenges, NQF must continue its work to foster a safe, evidence-based, and trusted health care system. NQF does this work by producing meaningful information for patients, providers, and payers in an effort to improve quality and reduce waste.

NQF relies on many people to accomplish its mission, including volunteers who contribute thousands of hours in time and expertise supporting NQF's work. While volunteers are crucial to NQF's efforts, donated funds are also critical to support NQF activities that are not funded through membership dues, government and private sector contracts, or other means.

### **Guidelines**

NQF welcomes support from donors for projects and activities that improve health care quality. Both restricted funds (given for a particular purpose or activity) and unrestricted funds (given to support NQF's mission in general) are welcome.

NQF's work is independent and objective. NQF will, in its sole discretion, control the content and results of any program or activity supported by donor funds. NQF's acceptance of corporate support does not imply endorsement of an organization's products, services, or activities.

For its measure endorsement work, NQF only accepts donated funds from philanthropic organizations. These organizations may not serve on endorsement committees that they financially support. NQF's endorsement activities may also be supported by a government services contract.

The relationship between NQF and a donor will be spelled out in an agreement signed by the parties. NQF will recognize donors by posting information regarding all contributions on its website and in other materials as appropriate, including the amount, purpose and source of contributions.

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