Inclusion of ICD-10 Codes in Measures Using ICD-9 Codes

As of **April 1, 2013** NQF requires ICD-10 codes for all new submissions, measures undergoing endorsement maintenance and measures due for annual update.

Requirements

1. A statement of intent for the selection of ICD-10 codes, chosen from the following:
   a. Goal was to convert this measure to a new code set, fully consistent with the intent of the original measure.
   b. Goal was to take advantage of the more specific code set to form a new version of the measure, but fully consistent with the original intent.
   c. The intent of the measure has changed.
2. Excel spreadsheet, including:
   a. Full listing of ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes, with code definitions
   b. The conversion table (if there is one).
3. Description of the process used to identify ICD-10 codes, including:
   a. Names and credentials of any experts who assisted in the process.
   b. Name of the tool used to identify/map to ICD-10 codes.
   c. Summary of stakeholder comments received.

New Measures or Measures Undergoing Maintenance

Include ICD-10 codes in Numerator Details, Denominator Details, and/or Exclusion Details as appropriate.

Requirement 1 is satisfied by including one of the sentences:

- In the documentation of Requirement 3 for new measures and measures undergoing maintenance.

Requirement 2 is satisfied by attaching Excel files at data field **sp.11 Data Dictionary or Code Table**. **Requirement 3** can be documented in the **Scientific Acceptability: Validity - Other Threats to Validity** section, data field **2b.16** in the *Measure Submission Form*. If ICD-10 testing results are available, enter those in data field **2b.17** in the *Measure Submission Form*. If necessary, document a web page URL or attach a Word or PDF file in **Additional** section of the *Measure Submission Form*.

Annual Update

Include ICD-10 codes (with definitions) in Numerator Details, Denominator Details, and/or Exclusion Details as appropriate.

Requirement 1 is satisfied by an entry in the **Release Notes** section of the Annual Update Form.

Requirement 2 is satisfied by attaching Excel files at data field **sp.11 Data Dictionary or Code Table**.

Requirement 3 Word or PDF must be e-mailed to measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org

when submitting the Annual Update.

Guidance

ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding Maintenance Operational Guidance