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CDP Redesign: Recommendations, Comments, and Next Steps

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Welcome!

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Objectives

- NQF hosted a Kaizen event on May 18-19, 2017 to explore opportunities for a more agile and efficient CDP
- NQF, in collaboration with the CMS, sought to address:
  - Improving coordination among CMS, developers, and NQF to better facilitate timely evaluation of measures
  - Increasing opportunities for submission and timely review of measures
  - Reducing cycle time of the CDP
  - Improving flow of information between the CDP and Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) processes
Goals

- NQF was committed to exploring opportunities for:
  - Continuous availability of CDP for all measure types
  - Improved management of the CDP measure pipeline
  - Improved utilization of standing committee expertise
  - Improved leveraging of NQF and external expertise
  - Significant reduction in overall endorsement time to about 6 months
Highlights

- Ongoing measure submission opportunities
- A newly-formed NQF Scientific Methods Panel
- Expanded and continuous commenting period—with support/non-support
- Change in the content and structure of the measure evaluation technical report
- Final endorsement decision by the Standing Committee
- Shift in the role of the CSAC and the Appeals Board in the endorsement process
- Enhancements in stakeholder training and education
- Improvements in information exchange and access
Proposed Implementation

- NQF will not implement all changes immediately
- Significant design and testing to ensure that the process works as intended for all stakeholders
- NQF will initiate a phased implementation in order to monitor recommendations to assess outcomes and ensure a more agile and effective process.
Intent to Submit

- Measure stewards/developers will need to notify NQF at least 3 months prior to the measure submission deadline

- Requirements:
  - Measure title
  - Measure type and level of complexity
    - Outcome measures, including intermediate clinical outcomes
    - Cost/resource use/efficiency
    - Efficiency measures
    - Composite measures
  - Level of analysis
  - Data source
  - Measure description
  - Numerator statement
  - Denominator statement
  - Planned submission date
Scientific Acceptability Review

Measure Workflow

Intent to Submit

- NON-COMPLEX MEASURE
- COMPLEX MEASURE
  - Specifications and Testing
  - Form Submitted
  - METHODS PANEL EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACCEPTABILITY

Submission

- STAFF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS
- STAFF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS – OTHER CRITERIA

Developer Review

Additional Review/Finalization of Preliminary Analysis

Standing Committee Evaluation
Composition of Standing Committees

- In order to accommodate frequent submission, a smaller number of standing committees is required
- Rationale for changes:
  - Reflect the current and future portfolio needs
  - Consideration of measure volume for existing standing committees
  - Clinical groupings to better reflect more cross-cutting clinical areas:
    - Primary care and chronic illness care
    - Pediatrics
    - Geriatrics and palliative care
New Standing Committees

- Admission/Readmission
- Behavioral Health
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular
- Primary Care & Chronic Illness
- Cost & Efficiency
- Prevention & Population Health
- Neurology
- Geriatrics & Palliative Care
- Pediatrics
- Perinatal & Women’s Health
- Patient Experience & Function
- Patient Safety
- Renal
- Surgery
Revised Measure Evaluation Report

Updated report will include:

• Executive summary with endorsement decision
• Brief summaries of each measure reviewed
• Details of the committee’s deliberations on each measure against NQF’s measure evaluation criteria (appendix)
• Full measure specifications for each measure reviewed (appendix)
Continuous Public Commenting with support recommendation

- NQF will have one continuous 12 week public commenting period

- Allow adequate time for the public and NQF member commenting

- As proposed, NQF membership voting will no longer be a separate 15-day voting period (pending Board approval)
  - *NQF members would have the opportunity to express their support (‘Support’ or ‘Do Not Support’) for each measure to inform the committee recommendations and change their support decision at any time.*
Endorsement Decision and Appeals

- Recommendation to move endorsement decision to standing committees
- Recommendation to move appeals of endorsed and non-endorsed measures to the CSAC
- Given important strategic considerations, NQF will not be able to implement these changes at this time
Enhancing Training and Education

- Recognized need for increased training and education for all stakeholders engaged in the CDP.

- NQF will expand and strengthen the current range of educational resources tailored to specific audiences and more opportunities for on-demand virtual references available for review at any time:
  - Committee members
  - Measure developers
  - NQF members and the public
  - NQF staff
Improvements in Information Exchange and Access

- NQF will adopt a two-fold approach to addressing recommendations from the Kaizen.

- Short-term initiative to improve business rules around publishing timelines and meeting materials, to ensure developers, committee members, and members of the public are more aware of opportunities to participate in NQF’s processes.
  - *Increased the character limit to 10,000 during commenting*
  - *Real-time updates on comments forwarded to developers*
  - *Better regulated public comment periods during evaluation meetings.*
Improvements in Information Exchange and Access

- NQF will begin to specify components and features of a centralized measure information system, for long-term, including:
  - comprehensive information about a measure
  - linking CDP and MAP evaluations in one central repository;
  - alternative search tools, including measure identification or tags, to improve information accessibility;
  - improving the speed of searches, and contextual information available to explain key terms.
Next Steps

- Consensus Standards Approval Committee In-person meeting: July 12, 2017
- NQF Board of Directors In-person meeting: July 20, 2017
- Implementation of immediate and short-term recommendations: Through October 2017
- Implementation (and planning) for long-term recommendations: Through October 2018
- Continued discussion of TBD proposed changes with relevant stakeholders
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