This form contains the measure information submitted by stewards. Blank fields indicate no information was provided. Attachments also may have been submitted and are provided to reviewers. The sub-criteria and most of the footnotes from the evaluation criteria are provided in Word comments and will appear if your cursor is over the highlighted area (or in the margin if your Word program is set to show revisions in balloons). Hyperlinks to the evaluation criteria and ratings are provided in each section.

TAP/Workgroup (if utilized): Complete all yellow highlighted areas of the form. Evaluate the extent to which each sub-criterion is met. Based on your evaluation, summarize the strengths and weaknesses in each section.

Note: If there is no TAP or workgroup, the SC also evaluates the sub-criteria (yellow highlighted areas).

Steering Committee: Complete all pink highlighted areas of the form. Review the workgroup/TAP assessment of the sub-criterion, noting any areas of disagreement; then evaluate the extent to which each major criterion is met; and finally, indicate your recommendation for the endorsement. Provide the rationale for your ratings.

Evaluation ratings of the extent to which the criteria are met
C = Completely (unquestionably demonstrated to meet the criterion)
P = Partially (demonstrated to partially meet the criterion)
M = Minimally (addressed BUT demonstrated to only minimally meet the criterion)
N = Not at all (NOT addressed; OR incorrectly addressed; OR demonstrated to NOT meet the criterion)
NA = Not applicable (only an option for a few sub-criteria as indicated)

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**MEASURE DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION**

**De.1 Measure Title:** Children Who Live in Communities Perceived as Safe

**De.2 Brief description of measure:** This measure ascertains the parents' perceived safety of child's community or neighborhood.

**1.1-2 Type of Measure:** outcome

**De.3 If included in a composite or paired with another measure, please identify composite or paired measure**

**De.4 National Priority Partners Priority Area:** safety

**De.5 IOM Quality Domain:** safety

**De.6 Consumer Care Need:** Staying Healthy

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**CONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY NQF**

Four conditions must be met before proposed measures may be considered and evaluated for suitability as voluntary consensus standards:

A. The measure is in the public domain or an intellectual property (measure steward agreement) is signed. **Public domain only applies to governmental organizations. All non-government organizations must sign a measure steward agreement even if measures are made publicly and freely available.**

A.1 Do you attest that the measure steward holds intellectual property rights to the measure and the right to use aspects of the measure owned by another entity (e.g., risk model, code set)? Yes

A.2 Indicate if Proprietary Measure (as defined in measure steward agreement):

A.3 Measure Steward Agreement: agreement signed and submitted

A.4 Measure Steward Agreement attached: 2-2-2010 NQF Agreement Form for new measures-634006398584161831.pdf
B. The measure owner/steward verifies there is an identified responsible entity and process to maintain and update the measure on a schedule that is commensurate with the rate of clinical innovation, but at least every 3 years.  Yes, information provided in contact section

| B | Y | N |

C. The intended use of the measure includes both public reporting and quality improvement.  
►Purpose: public reporting, quality improvement 0,0,0,

| C | Y | N |

D. The requested measure submission information is complete. Generally, measures should be fully developed and tested so that all the evaluation criteria have been addressed and information needed to evaluate the measure is provided. Measures that have not been tested are only potentially eligible for a time-limited endorsement and in that case, measure owners must verify that testing will be completed within 12 months of endorsement.

D.1 Testing: Yes, fully developed and tested

D.2 Have NQF-endorsed measures been reviewed to identify if there are similar or related measures? Yes

(for NQF staff use) Have all conditions for consideration been met?
Staff Notes to Steward (if submission returned):

| Staff Notes to Reviewers (issues or questions regarding any criteria):
Staff Reviewer Name(s): |

**TAP/Workgroup Reviewer Name:**

| Steering Committee Reviewer Name: |

#### 1. IMPORTANCE TO MEASURE AND REPORT

Extent to which the specific measure focus is important to making significant gains in health care quality (safety, timeliness, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, patient-centeredness) and improving health outcomes for a specific high impact aspect of healthcare where there is variation in or overall poor performance. 

*Measures must be judged to be important to measure and report in order to be evaluated against the remaining criteria.* (evaluation criteria)

**1a. High Impact**

(for NQF staff use) Specific NPP goal:

| 1a | Eval Rating |

**1a.1 Demonstrated High Impact Aspect of Healthcare:** patient/societal consequences of poor quality

**1a.2**

**1a.3 Summary of Evidence of High Impact:** Feeling safe and secure in all residential neighborhoods is a major policy goal and is included in Health People 2010 guidelines. Nationally, 11.4% of parents of children age 0-17 years only sometimes feel safe in their community, and 2.6% of parents feel that their children are never safe in their community.


**1b. Opportunity for Improvement**

**1b.1 Benefits (improvements in quality) envisioned by use of this measure:** Parental perception of neighborhood safety is important to assess. Neighborhood safety and characteristics have been shown to correlate with several important health indicators. Perception of safety has particular relevance to whether or not children are allowed to play outside and engage in other out-of-door activities.

**1b.2 Summary of data demonstrating performance gap (variation or overall poor performance) across providers:** Children who live in communities that are usually or always perceived as safe ranges across states from
66.5% in D.C. to 95.2% in Vermont.

1b.3 Citations for data on performance gap:

1b.4 Summary of Data on disparities by population group:
Parents of children who live in low income households are less likely to perceive their communities as usually or always safe (0-99% FPL; 72.3%), compared to parents of children who live in high income households (400% FPL and up; 94.0%).

1b.5 Citations for data on Disparities:

1c. Outcome or Evidence to Support Measure Focus
1c.1 Relationship to Outcomes (For non-outcome measures, briefly describe the relationship to desired outcome. For outcomes, describe why it is relevant to the target population): Perceived neighborhood safety is important to all children, particularly populations of vulnerable children. Neighborhood safety has both direct and mediated impacts on child health. Increasing perceived safety of neighborhoods can lead to increased child welfare indicators, such as overall child health.

1c.2-3. Type of Evidence: observational study

1c.4 Summary of Evidence (as described in the criteria; for outcomes, summarize any evidence that healthcare services/care processes influence the outcome):

1c.5 Rating of strength/quality of evidence (also provide narrative description of the rating and by whom):

1c.6 Method for rating evidence:

1c.7 Summary of Controversy/Contradictory Evidence:

1c.8 Citations for Evidence (other than guidelines):

1c.9 Quote the Specific guideline recommendation (including guideline number and/or page number):

1c.10 Clinical Practice Guideline Citation:

1c.11 National Guideline Clearinghouse or other URL:

1c.12 Rating of strength of recommendation (also provide narrative description of the rating and by whom):

1c.13 Method for rating strength of recommendation (If different from USPSTF system, also describe rating and how it relates to USPSTF):

1c.14 Rationale for using this guideline over others:

TAP/Workgroup: What are the strengths and weaknesses in relation to the sub-criteria for Importance to Measure and Report? 1

Steering Committee: Was the threshold criterion, Importance to Measure and Report, met? Rationale: Y N

2. SCIENTIFIC ACCEPTABILITY OF MEASURE PROPERTIES

Extent to which the measure, as specified, produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care when implemented. (evaluation criteria)

2a. MEASURE SPECIFICATIONS

S.1 Do you have a web page where current detailed measure specifications can be obtained? S.2 If yes, provide web page URL:

2a. Precisely Specified
2a.1 Numerator Statement (Brief, text description of the numerator - what is being measured about the target population, e.g. target condition, event, or outcome):
Children whose parents report their neighborhood or community is usually/always safe for children

2a.2 Numerator Time Window (The time period in which cases are eligible for inclusion in the numerator):
Encounter or point in time.

2a.3 Numerator Details (All information required to collect/calculate the numerator, including all codes, logic, and definitions):
“How often do you feel that [child] is safe in your community or neighborhood? Would you say never, sometimes, usually or always?”
Safe neighborhood numerator combines responses of usually and always.

2a.4 Denominator Statement (Brief, text description of the denominator - target population being measured):
Children age 0-17 years

2a.5 Target population gender: Female, Male
2a.6 Target population age range: Children age 0-17 years

2a.7 Denominator Time Window (The time period in which cases are eligible for inclusion in the denominator):
No defined time window for denominator--all parents of children 0-17 years are included in the denominator, and the question isn't anchored to a specific point in time.

2a.8 Denominator Details (All information required to collect/calculate the denominator - the target population being measured - including all codes, logic, and definitions):
All children 0-17 years old

2a.9 Denominator Exclusions (Brief text description of exclusions from the target population): Excluded from denominator if child does not fall in target population age range of 0-17 years.

2a.10 Denominator Exclusion Details (All information required to collect exclusions to the denominator, including all codes, logic, and definitions):

2a.11 Stratification Details/Variables (All information required to stratify the measure including the stratification variables, all codes, logic, and definitions):
No stratification is required.

2a.12-13 Risk Adjustment Type: no risk adjustment necessary

2a.14 Risk Adjustment Methodology/Variables (List risk adjustment variables and describe conceptual models, statistical models, or other aspects of model or method):

2a.15-17 Detailed risk model available Web page URL or attachment:

2a.18-19 Type of Score: rate/proportion
2a.20 Interpretation of Score: better quality = higher score
2a.21 Calculation Algorithm (Describe the calculation of the measure as a flowchart or series of steps):
To receive the numerator of children whose parents report their neighborhood or community is usually/always safe, K10Q40=3 or K10Q40=4.

2a.22 Describe the method for discriminating performance (e.g., significance testing):

2a.23 Sampling (Survey) Methodology If measure is based on a sample (or survey), provide instructions for obtaining the sample, conducting the survey and guidance on minimum sample size (response rate):
Best guideline to follow is the survey methodology used in the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health.
The goal of the NSCH sample design was to generate samples representative of populations of children
within each state. An additional goal of the NSCH was to obtain state-specific sample sizes that were sufficiently large to permit reasonably precise estimates of the health characteristics of children in each state.

To achieve these goals, state samples were designed to obtain a minimum of 1,700 completed interviews. The number of children to be selected in each NIS estimation area was determined by allocating the total of 1,700 children in the state to each National Immunization Survey (NIS) estimation area within the state in proportion to the total estimated number of households with children in the NIS estimation area. Given this allocation, the number of households that needed to be screened in each NIS estimation area was calculated using the expected proportion of households with children under 18 years of age in the area. Then, the number of telephone numbers that needed to be called was computed using the expected working residential number rate, adjusted for expected nonresponse.

A total of 91,642 interviews were completed from April 2007 to July 2008 for the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health. A random-digit-dialed sample of households with children less than 18 years of age was selected from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. One child was randomly selected from all children in each identified household to be the subject of the survey. The respondent was a parent or guardian who knew about the child’s health and health care.

2a.24 Data Source (Check the source(s) for which the measure is specified and tested)
Survey: Patient

2a.25 Data source/data collection instrument (Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument, e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.):
2007 National Survey of Children's Health


2a.32-35 Level of Measurement/Analysis (Check the level(s) for which the measure is specified and tested)

2a.36-37 Care Settings (Check the setting(s) for which the measure is specified and tested)
Other (specify) Survey was conducted over a telephone

2a.38-41 Clinical Services (Healthcare services being measured, check all that apply)
Other Patient experience

TESTING/ANALYSIS

2b. Reliability testing

2b.1 Data/sample (description of data/sample and size): Qualitative testing of the entire 2007 National Survey of Children's Health was conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. They conducted cognitive interviews with the 2007 NSCH Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) to make sure the entire survey instrument was functioning properly. N=640 interviews were completed over 3 days in December 2006. The questionnaire was then revised and finalized based on feedback from participants in these interviews.

2b.2 Analytic Method (type of reliability & rationale, method for testing): Cognitive testing was conducted to test reliability and interpretability of questions across population.

2b.3 Testing Results (reliability statistics, assessment of adequacy in the context of norms for the test conducted): The Maternal and Child Health Bureau leads the development of the NSCH and NS-CSHCN survey and
indicators, in collaboration with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and a national technical expert panel. The expert panel includes representatives from other federal agencies, state Title V leaders, family organizations, and child health researchers, and experts in all fields related to the surveys (adolescent health, family and neighborhoods, early childhood and development etc.). Previously validated questions and scales are used when available. Extensive literature reviewing and expert reviewing of items is conducted for all aspects of the survey. Respondents’ cognitive understanding of the survey questions is assessed during the pretest phase and revisions made as required. All final data components are verified by NCHS and DRC/CAHMI staff prior to public release. Face validity is conducted in comparing results with prior years of the survey and/or results from other implementations of items. No specific reliability results are available for this measure. Please contact the CAHMI if quantitative measures are needed.

2c. Validity testing

2c.1 Data/sample (description of data/sample and size): 640 interviews were completed over 3 days in December 2006

2c.2 Analytic Method (type of validity & rationale, method for testing): Cognitive testing was conducted with parents of children ages 0-17 years (interviews conducted over the phone with residential households).

2c.3 Testing Results (statistical results, assessment of adequacy in the context of norms for the test conducted): Face validity is conducted in comparing results with prior years of the survey and/or results from other implementations of items. Many parents commented that they were changing their answers based on their different definitions of “neighborhood” or “community”. Some parents asked the interviewer to define neighborhood or community, especially those who were living “in the country”. No other specific issues were noted for the particular “Children Who Live in Communities Perceived as Safe”. Please see the references section for peer-reviewed articles which have used these items. Peer-reviewed papers generally undertake their own validity testing in order to meet strict peer review standards.

2d. Exclusions Justified

2d.1 Summary of Evidence supporting exclusion(s):

2d.2 Citations for Evidence:

2d.3 Data/sample (description of data/sample and size):

2d.4 Analytic Method (type analysis & rationale):

2d.5 Testing Results (e.g., frequency, variability, sensitivity analyses):

2e. Risk Adjustment for Outcomes/ Resource Use Measures

2e.1 Data/sample (description of data/sample and size):

2e.2 Analytic Method (type of risk adjustment, analysis, & rationale):

2e.3 Testing Results (risk model performance metrics):

2e.4 If outcome or resource use measure is not risk adjusted, provide rationale:

2f. Identification of Meaningful Differences in Performance
2f.1 Data/sample from Testing or Current Use *(description of data/sample and size)*:

2f.2 Methods to identify statistically significant and practically/meaningfully differences in performance *(type of analysis & rationale)*:

2f.3 Provide Measure Scores from Testing or Current Use *(description of scores, e.g., distribution by quartile, mean, median, SD, etc.; identification of statistically significant and meaningfully differences in performance)*:

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3. USABILITY

Extent to which intended audiences (e.g., consumers, purchasers, providers, policy makers) can understand the results of the measure and are likely to find them useful for decision making. *(evaluation criteria)*

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3a. Meaningful, Understandable, and Useful Information

3a.1 Current Use: **in use**

3a.2 Use in a public reporting initiative *(disclosure of performance results to the public at large)* *(If used in a public reporting initiative, provide name of initiative(s), locations, Web page URL(s). If not publicly reported, state the plans to achieve public reporting within 3 years)*: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The Health and Well-Being of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2007. Chartbook based on data from the 2007 National Survey of Children’s Health. http://mchb.hrsa.gov/nsch07/index.html.

3a.3 If used in other programs/initiatives *(If used in quality improvement or other programs/initiatives, name of initiative(s), locations, Web page URL(s). If not used for QI, state the plans to achieve use for QI within 3 years)*: The Data Resource Center websites have been accessed more than 18 million times since 2006. Thousands of state and national researchers, MCH providers and analysts use the data to report valid children’s health...
Healthy People 2010 use items from the national surveys, and several more are slated to be added into Healthy People 2020.

Testing of Interpretability  
(Testing that demonstrates the results are understood by the potential users for public reporting and quality improvement)

3a.4 Data/sample (description of data/sample and size): Focus groups were held with numerous stakeholder groups—family advocates, clinicians, Title V leaders, researchers—to obtain feedback on report formats. The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative led the focus groups and developed reports in accordance with a general consumer information framework. Additional focus groups were held when preparing data and reports for display on the Data Resource Center website. The Data Resource Center executive committee also reviewed report formats for interpretability and applicability.

3a.5 Methods (e.g., focus group, survey, QI project): Focus groups

3a.6 Results (qualitative and/or quantitative results and conclusions):

3b/3c. Relation to other NQF-endorsed measures

3b.1 NQF # and Title of similar or related measures:

(for NQF staff use) Notes on similar/related endorsed or submitted measures:

3b. Harmonization
If this measure is related to measure(s) already endorsed by NQF (e.g., same topic, but different target population/setting/data source or different topic but same target population):
3b.2 Are the measure specifications harmonized? If not, why?

3c. Distinctive or Additive Value
3c.1 Describe the distinctive, improved, or additive value this measure provides to existing NQF-endorsed measures:

5.1 Competing Measures  If this measure is similar to measure(s) already endorsed by NQF (i.e., on the same topic and the same target population), describe why it is a more valid or efficient way to measure quality:

TAP/Workgroup: What are the strengths and weaknesses in relation to the sub-criteria for Usability?

Steering Committee: Overall, to what extent was the criterion, Usability, met?
Rationale:

4. FEASIBILITY

Extent to which the required data are readily available, retrievable without undue burden, and can be implemented for performance measurement. (evaluation criteria)

4a. Data Generated as a Byproduct of Care Processes
4a.1-2 How are the data elements that are needed to compute measure scores generated?
Survey,

4b. Electronic Sources

4b.1 Are all the data elements available electronically? *(elements that are needed to compute measure scores are in defined, computer-readable fields, e.g., electronic health record, electronic claims)*
Yes

4b.2 If not, specify the near-term path to achieve electronic capture by most providers.

4c. Exclusions

4c.1 Do the specified exclusions require additional data sources beyond what is required for the numerator and denominator specifications?
No

4c.2 If yes, provide justification.

4d. Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences

4d.1 Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the measure and describe how these potential problems could be audited. If audited, provide results.

4e. Data Collection Strategy/Implementation

4e.1 Describe what you have learned/modified as a result of testing and/or operational use of the measure regarding data collection, availability of data/missing data, timing/frequency of data collection, patient confidentiality, time/cost of data collection, other feasibility/implementation issues:
Items generate high level of answerability, e.g. very few missing, don't know or refused cases are reported.

4e.2 Costs to implement the measure *(costs of data collection, fees associated with proprietary measures)*:
The items are public domain and no cost is associated. Survey costs vary according to sample size and sampling frame.

4e.3 Evidence for costs:

4e.4 Business case documentation:

TAP/Workgroup: What are the strengths and weaknesses in relation to the sub-criteria for Feasibility?

Steering Committee: Overall, to what extent was the criterion, Feasibility, met?
Rationale:

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Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
Y

Rating: C=Completely; P=Partially; M=Minimally; N=Not at all; NA=Not applicable
**Co.1 Measure Steward (Intellectual Property Owner)**  
**Co.1 Organization**  
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**Co.6 Additional organizations that sponsored/participated in measure development**  
The National Center of Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
Workgroup/Expert Panel involved in measure development  
Ad.1 Provide a list of sponsoring organizations and workgroup/panel members’ names and organizations. Describe the members’ role in measure development.  

Ad.2 If adapted, provide name of original measure:  
Ad.3-5 If adapted, provide original specifications URL or attachment  

**Measure Developer/Steward Updates and Ongoing Maintenance**  
Ad.6 Year the measure was first released: 2007  
Ad.7 Month and Year of most recent revision: 2007-04  
Ad.8 What is your frequency for review/update of this measure? Updated every 4 years when a new National Survey of Children's Health is developed  
Ad.9 When is the next scheduled review/update for this measure? 2011-01  

Ad.10 Copyright statement/disclaimers: CAHMI- The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative.  

Ad.11 -13 Additional Information web page URL or attachment:  

**Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY):** 04/06/2010