

Pulmonary and Critical Care
Endorsement Maintenance:
Addendum Report

Pre-voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting:

- Project Scope
- Measures Recommended for Endorsement
- Overarching Issues
- Comments Received/Actions Taken

Pulmonary and Critical Care Endorsement Maintenance Project Scope

- 28 maintenance and 8 newly submitted measures were reviewed
- The measures address the following topic areas:
 - » Asthma
 - » COPD
 - » Pneumonia
 - » Dyspnea
 - » Intensive/critical care
- 3 measures were evaluated in the Addendum Report
 - 0506 Thirty-day all-cause risk standardized readmission rate following pneumonia hospitalizations
 - 1891 Thirty-day all-cause risk standardized readmission rate following COPD hospitalizations
 - 0356: PN3a--Blood Cultures Performed Within 24 Hours Prior to or 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival for Patients Who Were Transferred or Admitted to the ICU Within 24 Hours of Hospital Arrival

Project Status: Addendum Report

- Member and public comment period closed on December 10
- All comments were addressed by the Steering Committee and developers had an opportunity to respond to comments on their measures
- Voting opened Wednesday, December 19, 2012 with 2 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)

Overarching Issues

Measures recommended for endorsement:

- The Committee reviewed additional information from the Developer for two measures that received comments addressing issues of harmonization and exclusions for planned readmissions:
 - » 0506 Thirty-day all-cause risk standardized readmission rate following pneumonia hospitalizations
 - » 1891 Thirty-day all-cause risk standardized readmission rate following COPD hospitalizations

Measure not recommended for endorsement:

- After re-review of all information, the Committee did not recommend the following measure for endorsement due to insufficient evidence:
 - » 0356: PN3a--Blood Cultures Performed Within 24 Hours Prior to or 24 Hours After Hospital Arrival for Patients Who Were Transferred or Admitted to the ICU Within 24 Hours of Hospital Arrival

Comments Received

NQF received 17 comments 6 member organizations.

In addition to several comments supporting the recommendations of the Steering Committee, comments were received regarding:

- Response to the concerns voiced during the initial project comment period in June 2012
- Support the planned readmission algorithm
- Concerns with measure

Next Steps

- NQF Member voting will end on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 6pm ET
- Voting results will be forwarded to CSAC for discussion on the January 8, 2013

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Questions?