

More Frequent Measure Submission and Review: A Pilot

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is working to make the Consensus Development Process—our rigorous method for reviewing measures for endorsement—more effective and efficient. To help us get to better measures faster, measure developers will now be able to submit measures addressing endocrine conditions—such as diabetes and osteoporosis—on a more frequent basis.

This pilot project will accept measure submissions every six months, and a standing Steering Committee will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating them. This change is being piloted to address concerns about developers having to wait for periodic measure submission opportunities, so that measures can be reviewed as they are ready.

Although measure submission is changing, the rest of the endorsement process remains unchanged. The standing Steering Committee will review all measures submitted by each six-month submission deadline, and measures will be evaluated against the NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria. In addition, stakeholders will still have opportunities to attend meetings and conference calls, and provide comments. Members will still have the opportunity to vote on endorsement recommendations.

Visit the NQF website for more information on the <u>endocrine measures</u> project.

