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Measure Evaluation Meeting

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Day 2 Agenda: June 30, 2021

Begin at 10:00 am ET

- Discussion and Vote
 - ▣ Primary Care and Chronic Illness
 - ▣ Cardiovascular
 - ▣ Prevention and Population Health
 - ▣ Neurology
 - ▣ Perinatal and Women's Health
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Next Steps

Adjourn at 12:30 pm ET



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Prevention and Population Health Fall 2020 Review Cycle

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Prevention and Population Health (PPH) Standing Committee Recommendations

- 1 measure reviewed for fall 2020
 - ▣ 1 measure reviewed by the Scientific Methods Panel
- 1 measure recommended for endorsement
 - ▣ 3592e Global Malnutrition Composite Score (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/Avalere Health LLC), (new)



Overarching Issues for PPH

- Disparities Data

- The Standing Committee requested consistent reporting of disparities data in all measure submission to discern meaningful performance differences within and between populations. Members recommended including this request as a measure evaluation requirement. They noted that reporting performance rates without disparities data does not clearly identify actionable performance gaps, has the potential mask gaps with overall “topped out” performance when care is needed for select populations, and is seen as a lost opportunity to reduce inequities in healthcare access, quality, and delivery.



PPH: Public and Member Comment and Member Expressions of Support

- 18 number of comments received
 - ▣ 15 supportive comments for the measure under review (NQF #3592e)
 - ▣ 2 comments seeking clarification for the measure under review
 - ▣ 1 comment from developer for responding to clarification comments
- One NQF member expression of support was received



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Primary Care and Chronic Illness (PCCI) Standing Committee Recommendations

- 7 measures reviewed for fall 2020
 - ▣ 2 measures reviewed by the Scientific Methods Panel
 - ▣ NQF #3568 Person-Centered Primary Care Measure PRO-PM (New Measure)
 - ▣ NQF #3595 Hydroxyurea Use Among Children with Sickle Cell Anemia (New Measure)
- 7 measures recommended for endorsement
 - ▣ NQF #0058 Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis (AAB) (AAB) (National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) (Maintenance)
 - ▣ NQF #0069 Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (NCQA) (Maintenance)
 - ▣ NQF #3166 Antibiotic Prophylaxis Among Children with Sickle Cell Anemia (University of Michigan) (Maintenance)
 - ▣ NQF #3532 Discouraging the routine use of occupational and/or supervised physical therapy after carpal tunnel release (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons) (New)
 - ▣ NQF #3568 Person-Centered Primary Care Measure PRO-PM (American Board of Family Medicine/Virginia Commonwealth University) (New Measure)
 - ▣ NQF #3595 Hydroxyurea Use Among Children with Sickle Cell Anemia (University of Michigan) (New Measure)
 - ▣ NQF #3599 Pediatric Asthma Emergency Department Use (Albert Einstein College of Medicine/University of California San Francisco) (New Measure)



PCCI: Public and Member Comment and Member Expressions of Support

- Four comments were received
 - ▣ 3 comments were supportive of the measures under review (one each for NQF #3166, NQF 3568, and NQF #3595)
 - ▣ 1 comment was not supportive of NQF #3568
- 1 NQF member expressed support/non-support of the measures under review (total 3 expressions of support/non-support)
 - ▣ 1 NQF member expressed support for NQF #3166, NQF #3568, and NQF #3595



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Cardiovascular (CV) Standing Committee Recommendations

- Two measures reviewed for fall 2020
 - ▣ Both measures were reviewed by the Scientific Methods Panel (*SMP passed both measures on Scientific Acceptability criterion*)
- Two measures recommended for endorsement
 - ▣ **NQF #0229** Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Heart Failure (HF) Hospitalization (Yale CORE/CMS) (maintenance)
 - ▣ **NQF #0230** Hospital 30-Day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Hospitalization (Yale CORE/CMS) (maintenance)



CV: Public and Member Comment and Member Expressions of Support

- Five comments received
 - ▣ All five comments were not supportive of the measures under review (three comments for NQF #0229 and two comments for NQF #0230)
 - » Measure reliability, particularly at lower case counts, does not meet reliability standards
 - » Decision to not include social risk adjustment
 - » Inadequate exclusions
 - » Inadequate number of outliers for performance
- No NQF member or non-member expressions of support received



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Neurology Standing Committee Recommendations

- 1 measure reviewed for fall 2020
 - ▣ 1 measure reviewed by the SMP
- 1 measure not recommended for endorsement
 - ▣ NQF 3596: Hospital 30-day, All-Cause, Risk-Standardized Mortality Rate (RSMR) Following Acute Ischemic Stroke Hospitalization With Claims-Based Risk Adjustment for Stroke Severity (Yale CORE/CMS) (New)



Neurology: Public and Member Comment and Member Expressions of Support

- Number of comments received: 9
 - ▣ 8 were supportive, 1 was not supportive for #3596
- 1 NQF member expressed support for #3596

Neurology

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Perinatal and Women's Health (PWI) Standing Committee Recommendations

- One measure reviewed for fall 2020
 - ▣ The measure was not reviewed by the Scientific Methods Panel
- One measure recommended for endorsement
 - ▣ **#0470** Incidence of Episiotomy (Christiana Care Health System / National Perinatal Information Center) (maintenance)
 - ▣ No measures were not recommended for endorsement



PWI: Public and Member Comment and Member Expressions of Support

- 4 comments were received
 - ▣ 3 comments were supportive of the measure under review but expressed a desire for better Mediolateral vs. Midline episiotomy coding in the future for #0470
 - ▣ 1 comment submitted by the developer clarified their methods for testing the measure #0470
- No NQF member expressions of support received



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Opportunity for Member and Public Comment

Next Steps

CSAC Next Steps

- NQF staff will describe the discussion and endorsement results in a written meeting summary
- Appeals period: July 7 – August 5, 2021
- Next CSAC meeting: September 7, 2021 (*closed session*)



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