Measure Developers' Webinar

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Agenda

- ICD-10 Updates

- Endorsement Maintenance Scheduling Updates

What is NQF's role in the ICD-10 transition?

- Ensure all NQF-endorsed measures have a set of ICD-10 CM/PCS codes on October 1, 2014
  - Via annual updates and 3-year maintenance reviews
- Provide measure developers with recommendations and best practices for transitioning quality measures to ICD-10 CM/PCS
  - 2009 Expert Panel and report
- Connect developers to transition resources as needed
  - AHIMA/other developers

ICD-10 CM/PCS Transition:
Challenges and Implications for quality measurement

- Lack of testing databases with dual coded data
  - Inability to test ICD-10 coded measures
- Anticipated interruptions in trending of measure results
- Measure intent for some measures may change based on increased specificity of ICD-10 codes
- Multiple tools available for transition
- Developer funding to complete coding transition for NQF-endorsed measures

ICD-10 Deadline Update

- The HHS implementation deadline has been changed to **October 1, 2014.**

- Further details explaining the change can be accessed here: http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2012/04/09/gvsc0412.htm

- Developer Communication and requirements
    - Monthly measure developer webinars
    - NQF measure maintenance webpage http://www.qualityforum.org/Measuring_Performance/Endorsed_Performance_Measures_Maintenance.aspx

Important ICD-10 Transition Dates

4/1/2013
- NQF requires ICD-9 <u>and</u> ICD-10 for all new submissions, maintenance measures (including annual updates)

10/1/2014
- ICD-10 required for HIPAA transactions

12/31/2014
- No longer accept ICD-9 for NQF measures

Recommended Coding Conversion Best Practices

- **Convene Clinical and Coding Experts**
  - The team should be used to identify specific areas where questions of clinical comparability exist, evaluate consistency of clinical concepts, and ensure appropriate conversion.

- **Determine Intent**
  - The most ideal way to convert code sets for quality measures would be to examine the original intent of the measure and select codes directly from the target code set to define the concepts rather than relying on mapping alone.

- **Use Appropriate Conversion Tool**

- **Assess for Material Change**
  - For existing measures undergoing coding updates and maintenance, the extent to which the population identified with the new code set overlaps with that identified in the old code set should be assessed, if possible.

Recommended Coding Conversion Best Practices (cont.)

- **Solicit Stakeholder Comments**
  - Conversion to new code sets requires involvement of many stakeholders; measure developers should solicit comments from a wide audience for additions and deletions, and with specific attention to new codes.

- **Version the Updated Measure**
  - Different versions of measures may be used longitudinally for various purposes but may not be exactly comparable.

Required Documentation

1. Statement of Intent

2. Codes

3. Process

1. Statement of Intent for ICD-10

Convert this measure to a new code set

Take advantage of the more specific code set

The intent of the measure has changed.

1. Statement of Intent for ICD-10

New Measure/Maintenance Measure

- In the Validity section, data field **2b2.2. Analytic Method** section of submission form.

Annual Update

- In the **Release Notes** section of form.

2. Codes

New Measure/Maintenance Measure

- Include **ICD-10 codes** (with definitions) in Numerator Details, Denominator Details, and/or Exclusion Details as appropriate

- Attach Excel at data field **2a1.30. Data Dictionary or Code Table**

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- E-mail Excel file to **measuremaintenance@ qualityforum.org**

2. Code Tables: New Measure or Measures Undergoing Maintenance

NQF Measure Submission Form, Version 6.0, Specifications tab

2a1.30. Data Dictionary or Code Table *(Please provide a web page URL or attachment if exceeds 2 pages. NQF strongly prefers URLs. Attach documents only if they are not available on a web page and keep attached file to 5 MB or less.)*

○ URL

○ Attachment

3. Process: New Measures or Measures Undergoing Maintenance

- Enter **process** of determining ICD-10 codes into the Validity section, data field **2b2.2. Analytic Method**

- If ICD-10 **testing data** is available, enter that into the Validity section, data field **2b2.3. Testing Results**

- If necessary, add **attachments** at bottom of Scientific Acceptability tab, data field **2.1. Supplemental Testing Methodology Information**

3. Process: Annual Update

- Document the process of determining the ICD-10 codes (Word or PDF), including:
  - Names and credentials of experts
  - Summary of stakeholder comments
  - Results of any testing

- Send attachments to measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org when submitting Annual Update
  - Cannot add attachments to Annual Updates online at this time, so NQF staff will do it behind the scenes

NQF Guidance

ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding Maintenance Operational Guidance

Available on NQF Web site at:

http://www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2010/10/ICD-10-CM/PCS_Coding_Maintenance_Operational_Guidance.aspx

Questions?

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Endorsement Maintenance Updates

- Our 2013 endorsement maintenance schedule was revised to reflect delays in project start dates (e.g. measures scheduled for maintenance in Q1 moved to Q2 and so forth)
  - Once we confirm timelines, we will notify developers and projects will start through the CDP steps as currently designed
- During the interim, NQF will open measure submission forms in advance of their respective *Call for Measures*.

Endorsement Maintenance Updates (cont.)

- **Revised schedule**

Scheduled Start	Topic area	Number of maintenance measures
Quarter 2 (April 1-June 30)	HEENT	24
	Care Coordination (Phase 3)	13
Quarter 3 (July 1-September 30)	Patient Experience & Engagement	13
	Health/Functional Status	18
	Endocrine	29
Quarter 4 (October 1-December 31)	Behavioral Health (Phase-3)	13
	Musculoskeletal	41
	Cardiovascular	41
	Surgery	17