**National Quality Forum—Evidence (subcriterion 1a)**

**Measure Number** (*if previously endorsed*)**: 2605(New Measure)**

**Measure Title**: **Follow-up after Discharge from the Emergency Department for Mental Health or Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence**

**IF the measure is a component in a composite performance measure, provide the title of the Composite Measure here:** Click here to enter composite measure #/ title

**Date of Submission**: **7/25/2014**

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| **Instructions**  *For composite performance measures:*  *A separate evidence form is required for each component measure unless several components were studied together.*  *If a component measure is submitted as an individual performance measure, attach the evidence form to the individual measure submission.*   * Respond to all questions as instructed with answers immediately following the question. All information needed to demonstrate meeting the evidence subcriterion (1a) must be in this form. An appendix of *supplemental* materials may be submitted, but there is no guarantee it will be reviewed. * If you are unable to check a box, please highlight or shade the box for your response. * Maximum of 10 pages (*incudes questions/instructions*; minimum font size 11 pt; do not change margins). ***Contact NQF staff if more pages are needed.*** * Contact NQF staff regarding questions. Check for resources at [Submitting Standards webpage](http://www.qualityforum.org/Measuring_Performance/Submitting_Standards.aspx). |

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| **Note: The information provided in this form is intended to aid the Steering Committee and other stakeholders in understanding to what degree the evidence for this measure meets NQF’s evaluation criteria.**   1a. Evidence to Support the Measure Focus The measure focus is evidence-based, demonstrated as follows:   * Health outcome: [**3**](#Note3) a rationale supports the relationship of the health outcome to processes or structures of care. Applies to patient-reported outcomes (PRO), including health-related quality of life/functional status, symptom/symptom burden, experience with care, health-related behavior. * Intermediate clinical outcome: a systematic assessment and grading of the quantity, quality, and consistency of the body of evidence [**4**](#Note4)that the measured intermediate clinical outcome leads to a desired health outcome. * Process: [**5**](#Note5) a systematic assessment and grading of the quantity, quality, and consistency of the body of evidence [**4**](#Note4) that the measured process leads to a desired health outcome. * Structure: a systematic assessment and grading of the quantity, quality, and consistency of the body of evidence [**4**](#Note4) that the measured structure leads to a desired health outcome. * Efficiency: [**6**](#Note6) evidence not required for the resource use component.   **Notes**  **3.** Generally, rare event outcomes do not provide adequate information for improvement or discrimination; however, serious reportable events that are compared to zero are appropriate outcomes for public reporting and quality improvement.  **4.** The preferred systems for grading the evidence are the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) [grading definitions](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/grades.htm) and [methods](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/methods.htm), or Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation [(GRADE) guidelines](http://www.gradeworkinggroup.org/publications/index.htm).  **5.** Clinical care processes typically include multiple steps: assess → identify problem/potential problem → choose/plan intervention (with patient input) → provide intervention → evaluate impact on health status. If the measure focus is one step in such a multistep process, the step with the strongest evidence for the link to the desired outcome should be selected as the focus of measurement. Note: A measure focused only on collecting PROM data is not a PRO-PM.  **6.** Measures of efficiency combine the concepts of resource use and quality (see NQF’s [Measurement Framework: Evaluating Efficiency Across Episodes of Care](http://www.qualityforum.org/Publications/2010/01/Measurement_Framework__Evaluating_Efficiency_Across_Patient-Focused_Episodes_of_Care.aspx); [AQA Principles of Efficiency Measures](http://www.aqaalliance.org/files/PrinciplesofEfficiencyMeasurementApril2006.doc)). |

**1a.1.This is a measure of**: (*should be consistent with type of measure entered in De.1*)

Outcome

☐ Health outcome: Click here to name the health outcome

☐Patient-reported outcome (PRO): Click here to name the PRO

*PROs include HRQoL/functional status, symptom/symptom burden, experience with care, health-related behaviors*

☐ Intermediate clinical outcome (*e.g., lab value*): Click here to name the intermediate outcome

☒ Process: **Follow-up outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization after discharge from the emergency department for mental health or alcohol and other drug abuse or dependence**

☐ Structure: Click here to name the structure

☐ Other: Click here to name what is being measured

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**HEALTH OUTCOME/PRO PERFORMANCE MEASURE**  *If not a health outcome or PRO, skip to* [*1a.3*](#Section1a3)

**1a.2.** **Briefly state or diagram the path between the health outcome (or PRO) and the healthcare structures, processes, interventions, or services that influence it.**

**Not applicable.**

**1a.2.1.** **State the rationale supporting the relationship between the health outcome (or PRO) to at least one healthcare structure, process, intervention, or service (*i.e., influence on outcome/PRO*).**

**Not applicable.**

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**intermediate outcome, PROCESS, or STRUCTURE PERFORMANCE measure**

**1a.3.****Briefly state or diagram the path between structure, process, intermediate outcome, and health outcomes**. Include all the steps between the measure focus and the health outcome.

**Emergency department visit >>> Primary diagnosis of mental health or alcohol and other drug use or dependence >>> Discharge from the emergency room to the community>>> Patient had an outpatient visit, intensive outpatient visit, partial hospitalization within 7 and 30 day time period with any provider >>> Condition or disease management >>> Improvement in health outcome**

**1a.3.1.** **What is the source of the systematic review of the body of evidence that supports the performance measure?**

☒ Clinical Practice Guideline recommendation – ***complete sections*** [***1a.4***](#Section1a4)***, and*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)

☐ US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation – ***complete sections*** [***1a.5***](#Section1a5) ***and*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)

☐ Other systematic review and grading of the body of evidence (*e.g., Cochrane Collaboration, AHRQ Evidence Practice Center*) – ***complete sections*** [***1a.6***](#Section1a6) ***and*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)

☐ Other – ***complete section*** [***1a.8***](#Section1a8)

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**1a.4. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATION**

**1a.4.1.** **Guideline citation** (*including date*) and **URL for guideline** (*if available online*):

**American Psychiatric Association: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Schizophrenia Second Edition**

**URL:** [**http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookID=28&sectionID=1665359#46264**](http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookID=28&sectionID=1665359#46264)

**Year: 2004**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Bipolar Disorder, Second Edition**

**URL: http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookid=28&sectionid=1669577**

**Year: 2002**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Major Depressive Disorder, Third Edition**

**URL:** [**http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookid=28&sectionid=1667485**](http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookid=28&sectionid=1667485)

**Year: 2010**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Substance Use Disorders, Second Edition**

**URL: http://psychiatryonline.org/content.aspx?bookid=28&sectionid=1675010**

**Year: 2006**

**1a.4.2.** **Identify guideline recommendation number and/or page number** and **quote verbatim, the specific guideline recommendation**.

**Continuity of care is an important issue for individuals with mental illness. Existing clinical practice guidelines recommend ongoing monitoring and management using a variety of interventions, but do not explicitly address post emergency department follow-up.**

**American Psychiatric Association: Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Schizophrenia Second Edition, Page 14, “Treatment programs need to combine medications with a range of psychosocial services to reduce the need for crisis-oriented hospitalizations and emergency department visits and enable greater recovery [I].”**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Bipolar Disorder Second Edition, Page 9, “Subsequently, specific goals of psychiatric management include establishing and maintaining a therapeutic alliance, monitoring the patient's psychiatric status, providing education regarding bipolar disorder, enhancing treatment compliance, promoting regular patterns of activity and of sleep, anticipating stressors, identifying new episodes early, and minimizing functional impairments [I].”**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Major Depressive Disorder, Third Edition, Page 15, “Psychiatric management consists of a broad array of interventions and activities that psychiatrists should initiate and continue to provide to patients with major depressive disorder through all phases of treatment [I].”**

**Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Patients With Substance Use Disorders, Second Edition, Page 11, “Most treatment for patients with alcohol dependence or abuse can be successfully conducted outside the hospital (e.g., in outpatient or partial hospitalization settings) [II]”**

**1a.4.3.** **Grade assigned to the quoted recommendation with definition of the grade:**

**[I] Recommended with substantial clinical confidence.**

**[II] Recommended with moderate clinical confidence.**

**1a.4.4. Provide all other grades and associated definitions for recommendations in the grading system.** (*Note: If separate grades for the strength of the evidence, report them in section 1a.7.*)

**[III] May be recommended on the basis of individual circumstances.**

**1a.4.5. Citation and URL for methodology for grading recommendations** (*if different from 1a.4.1*)**:**

**Same as original citations.**

**1a.4.6. If guideline is evidence-based (rather than expert opinion), are the details of the quantity, quality, and consistency of the body of evidence available (e.g., evidence tables)?**

☐Yes **→ *complete section*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)

☒No **→ *report on another systematic review of the evidence in sections*** [***1a.6***](#Section1a6) ***and*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)***; if another review does not exist, provide what is known from the guideline review of evidence in*** [***1a.7***](#Section1a7)

**Not applicable.**

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**1a.5.** **UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION**

**1a.5.1.** **Recommendation citation** (*including date*) and **URL for recommendation** (*if available online*):

**Not applicable.**

**1a.5.2.** **Identify recommendation number and/or page number** and **quote verbatim, the specific recommendation**.

**Not applicable.**

**1a.5.3.** **Grade assigned to the quoted recommendation with definition of the grade**:

**Not applicable.**

**1a.5.4. Provide all other grades and associated definitions for recommendations in the grading system.** (*Note: the* *grading system for the evidence should be reported in section 1a.7.*)

**Not applicable.**

**1a.5.5. Citation and URL for methodology for grading recommendations** (*if different from 1a.5.1*)**:**

**Not applicable.**

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**1a.6. OTHER SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE BODY OF EVIDENCE**

**1a.6.1.** **Citation** (*including date*) and **URL** (*if available online*):

**Not applicable.**

**1a.6.2.** **Citation and** **URL for methodology for evidence review and grading** (*if different from 1a.6.1*)**:**

**Not applicable.**

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**1a.7. FINDINGS FROM SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF BODY OF THE EVIDENCE supporting the measure**

*If more than one systematic review of the evidence is identified above, you may choose to summarize the one (or more) for which the best information is available to provide a summary of the quantity, quality, and consistency of the body of evidence. Be sure to identify which review is the basis of the responses in this section and if more than one, provide a separate response for each review.*

**1a.7.1.** **What was the specific structure, treatment, intervention, service, or intermediate outcome addressed in the evidence review?**

**Not applicable.**

**1a.7.2.** **Grade assigned for the quality of the quoted evidence with definition of the grade**:

**Not applicable.**

**1a.7.3. Provide all other grades and associated definitions for strength of the evidence in the grading system.**

**Not applicable.**

**1a.7.4.** **What is the time period covered by the body of evidence? (*provide the date range, e.g., 1990-2010*). Date range**: Click here to enter date range

**Not applicable.**

**QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF BODY OF EVIDENCE**

**1a.7.5.****How many and what type of study designs are included in the body of evidence**? (*e.g., 3 randomized controlled trials and 1 observational study*)

**Not applicable.**

**1a.7.6.** **What is the overall quality of evidence across studies in the body of evidence**? (*discuss the certainty or confidence in the estimates of effect particularly in relation to study factors such as design flaws, imprecision due to small numbers, indirectness of studies to the measure focus or target population*)

**Not applicable.**

**ESTIMATES OF BENEFIT AND CONSISTENCY ACROSS STUDIES IN BODY OF EVIDENCE**

**1a.7.7.** **What are the estimates of benefit—magnitude and direction of effect on outcome(s) across studies in the body of evidence**? (*e.g., ranges of percentages or odds ratios for improvement/ decline across studies, results of meta-analysis, and statistical significance*)

**Not applicable.**

**1a.7.8.** **What harms were studied and how do they affect the net benefit (benefits over harms)?**

**Not applicable.**

**UPDATE TO THE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW(S) OF THE BODY OF EVIDENCE**

**1a.7.9.** **If new studies have been conducted since the systematic review of the body of evidence, provide for each new study: 1) citation, 2) description, 3) results, 4) impact on conclusions of systematic review**.

**Not applicable.**

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**1a.8 OTHER SOURCE OF EVIDENCE**

*If source of evidence is NOT from a clinical practice guideline, USPSTF, or systematic review, please describe the evidence on which you are basing the performance measure.*

**1a.8.1** **What process was used to identify the evidence?**

**1a.8.2.** **Provide the citation and summary for each piece of evidence.**