

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Expedited Review Process

The NQF Consensus Development Process (CDP v1.8, adopted May 2007) includes an option for an expedited consideration. In order to meet emerging national needs, the Board of Directors approved a series of changes to the expedited consensus development process. The approved modifications should allow for accelerated endorsement for projects with associated time-sensitive legislative or regulatory requirements. Final changes from the prior expedited process are noted below in bold:

Expedited Consideration. In recognition that some measures are very well-established, widely used, or urgently needed to meet a national need, application of the CDP may proceed via an expedited process. CSAC approval of expedited consideration should be obtained prior to commencing such a review. For expedited reviews, the nominating process for SC members shall be no less than 10 business days (instead of 30 calendar days); the call for measures shall be no less than 10 business days (instead of 30 calendar days); the review and comment period for draft documents shall be no less than 10 business days (instead of 30 calendar days); **and the voting period shall be no less than 10 business days (instead of 30 calendar days).**

All of the following criteria should be met prior to consideration by the CSAC for an expedited review:

- 1. the extent to which the measures under consideration have been sufficiently tested* and/or in widespread use**
- 2. whether the scope of the project/measure set is relatively narrow**
- 3. time-sensitive legislative/regulatory mandate for measures**

**EHR-based measures will require only semantic testing using EHR test beds*

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