



## NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Driving measurable health  
improvements together

### Intent to Submit Deadline\*

FALL: August 1

SPRING: January 5

\*If the date takes place on a weekend, the deadline will occur on the next business day

### Endorsement Maintenance Topic Areas Measure Submission Deadlines†

Endorsement and Maintenance Topical Areas	FALL Measure Submission Deadline†	SPRING Measure Submission Deadline†	Brief Topic Area Description
All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions	November 8	April 9	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on admission and readmission rates, both all- cause and specific to certain conditions such as heart failure.
Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse	November 1	April 2	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on behavioral health conditions and substance abuse, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and depression, including screening, primary care, and treatment measures.
Cancer	November 15	April 16	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on screening and treatment of breast, colon, prostate, esophageal, lung, and other cancers.
Cardiovascular	November 8	April 9	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on hypertension, coronary artery disease, acute myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation.
Cost and Efficiency	November 15	April 16	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on cost of care, payment and efficiency for all conditions.
Geriatric and Palliative Care	November 15	April 16	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on experience with care, care planning, pain management, dyspnea management, care preferences, and quality of care at the end of life.

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Neurology	November 1	April 2	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on stroke, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and traumatic brain injury.
Patient Experience and Function	November 8	April 9	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on health-related quality of life, patient and family engagement in care, functional status, symptom and symptom burden, experience with care, and care coordination.
Patient Safety	November 1	April 2	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on pressure ulcers, healthcare-acquired conditions, sepsis, mortality rates, and medication management.
Perinatal and Women's Health	November 8	April 9	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on reproductive health, pregnancy, prenatal care, delivery, immediate post-partum care for newborns, and childbirth-related issues for women.
Prevention and Population Health	November 15	April 16	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on smoking, diet, disease incidence and prevalence), primary prevention and screening, practices to promote healthy living, community interventions, and modifiable social, economic, environmental determinants of health with a demonstrable relationship to prevention and population health.
Primary Care and Chronic Illness	November 8	April 9	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on non-surgical eye conditions, non-surgical ear, nose, and throat, diabetes care, osteoporosis, HIV, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, back pain, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and acute bronchitis.
Renal	November 1	April 2	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on kidney disease.

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Surgery	November 15	April 16	NQF seeks to endorse measures focused on pre- and post-surgical care, timing of prophylactic antibiotic, and adverse surgical outcomes.

†Dates are subject to change.