

Table 12: Endorsement Versus eCQM Trial Approval

	Endorsement	eCQM Trial Approval
Meaning	The eCQM has been judged to meet all NQF evaluation criteria and is suitable for use in accountability applications as well as performance improvement	The eCQM has been judged to meet the criteria that indicates readiness for implementation in real-world settings in order to generate the data required to assess reliability and validity. Such measures would not have been judged to meet all of the criteria indicating it is suitable for use in accountability applications.
Measure Evaluation	Reliability and validity testing results are required upon submission All criteria are voted on by the Committee Measure information forms for all measures under review for endorsement are made available on the project webpage.	Testing of the measure must occur through either a simulated data set (e.g., BONNIE) or through a test data set from another source. Measure testing form for Trial Use must be completed. All other criteria are voted on by the Committee. Measure information forms for all eCQMs under review for Trial Use are made available on the project webpage.
Public and Member Comment	Same process. Comments may be submitted on measures recommended and not recommended for endorsement.	Same process. Comments may be submitted on eCQMs recommended and not recommended for eCQM Trial Use.
CSAC	Same process.	Same process.
Information in QPS	Specs for endorsed measures are available.	Specs for eCQMs Trial Approval measures are available.

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Status	<p>When due for maintenance review, the measure will be evaluated through the multistakeholder process.</p>	<p>Trial Approval designation expires 3 years after initial approval.</p> <p>When submitted for endorsement, the measure will require resting results and will be evaluated through the multistakeholder process.</p> <p>There are 2 options if submitted for endorsement prior to the 3-year expiration.</p> <p>Option 1: Submit and evaluate only the Scientific Acceptability of Measure Properties, including the final eCQM specification and all testing. If endorsed, endorsement maintenance will be scheduled from the date approved as a trial measure, at which time it will be submitted for endorsement maintenance and subject to evaluation on all criteria.</p> <p>Option 2: Submit and evaluate on all criteria. If endorsed, a new endorsement date will be identified and endorsement maintenance will be scheduled from the new endorsement date, at which time it will be submitted for endorsement maintenance and subject to evaluation on all criteria.</p>