



Admissions and Readmissions Measures Endorsed December 2016

On December 8, 2016, the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Executive Committee, in accordance with NQF's bylaws, endorsed 30 new and existing admissions and readmissions measures.

NQF's Executive Committee adopted the following recommendations in its decision regarding the readmissions measures:

1. Given potential unintended effects of the readmission penalty program on patients, especially in safety net hospitals, NQF's Measure Applications Partnership and the NQF Board are encouraged to consider other approaches to address these potential unintended consequences.
2. NQF should focus efforts on the next generation of risk adjustment, including social risk as well as consideration of unmeasured clinical complexity.
3. The Disparities Standing Committee will address unresolved issues and concerns regarding risk adjustment approaches, including potential for adjustment at the hospital and community levels.
4. SES adjustor availability should be considered as part of the annual update process.

Readmissions measures endorsed with risk adjustment for SES include:

- 2827: PointRight® Pro Long Stay (TM) Hospitalization Measure
- 2858: Discharge to Community

Readmissions measures endorsed without risk adjustment for SES status include:

- 0171: Acute Care Hospitalization During the First 60 Days of Home Health
- 0173: Emergency Department Use without Hospitalization During the First 60 Days of Home Health.
- 0330: Hospital 30-day, all-cause, risk-standardized readmission rate following heart failure (HF) hospitalization
- 0505: Hospital 30-day all-cause risk-standardized readmission rate (RSRR) following acute myocardial infarction (AMI) hospitalization
- 0506: Hospital 30-day, all-cause, risk-standardized readmission rate following pneumonia hospitalization
- 0695: Hospital 30-Day Risk-Standardized Readmission Rates following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)
- 1789: Hospital-Wide All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure
- 1891: Hospital 30-day, all-cause, risk-standardized readmission rate following chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) hospitalization
- 2375: PointRight OnPoint-30 SNF Rehospitalizations
- 2380: Rehospitalization During the First 30 Days of Home Health
- 2393: Pediatric All-Condition Readmission Measure
- 2414: Pediatric Lower Respiratory Infection Readmission Measure
- 2496: Standardized Readmission Ratio (SRR) for dialysis facilities

- 2502: All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)
- 2503: Hospitalizations per 1000 Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) Beneficiaries
- 2504: 30-day Rehospitalizations per 1000 Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) Beneficiaries
- 2505: Emergency Department Use without Hospital Readmission During the First 30 Days of Home Health
- 2510: Skilled Nursing Facility 30-Day All-Cause Readmission Measure (SNFRM)
- 2512: All-Cause Unplanned Readmission Measure for 30 Days Post Discharge from Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)
- 2860: Thirty-day all-cause unplanned readmission following psychiatric hospitalization in an inpatient psychiatric facility
- 2879: Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmission Measure with Claims and Electronic Health Record Data
- 2880: Excess days in acute care (EDAC) after hospitalization for heart failure
- 2881: Excess days in acute care (EDAC) after hospitalization for acute myocardial infarction
- 2882: Excess days in acute care (EDAC) after hospitalization for pneumonia
- 2886: Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients with Heart Failure
- 2887: Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients with Diabetes
- 2888: Risk-Standardized Acute Admission Rates for Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions