



# Attribution: Principles and Approaches 2015-2016

## BACKGROUND

As the U.S. healthcare system increasingly shifts to a performance-based payment system, the desire to identify accountable entities that can be held responsible for patients' care has become an important consideration. The identification of accountable entities is used by payers, providers, and other measure users to determine how payment is distributed and ultimately who is responsible for improving care delivery, patient outcomes, and reducing cost. As the financial stakes for measurement have grown, policy debates over physician payment have intensified, and care is increasingly provided within structures of shared accountability, guidance is needed regarding the assignment of attribution of patients and care episodes. Attribution can be defined as the methodology used to assign patients, and their quality outcomes, to organizations or providers.

## PREFERRED EXPERTISE

**NQF is seeking a purchaser to fill one open seat on the Committee.**

## COMMITTEE CHARGE

The multistakeholder Committee is charged with providing guidance, and input to accomplish the project objectives:

- Review an environmental scan on attribution models in use across various care delivery models,
- Identify the subset of measures that are affected by attribution problems
- Establish key guiding principles for attributing responsibility
- Describe potential theoretical models that could be used to validly and reliably attribute performance measurement results to one or more providers under different delivery models
- Explore the extent to which these models would need to be modified for use under different delivery systems and lay out strengths and weaknesses of the models
- Develop models of approaches to implementing attribution to enable testing on CMS data
- Develop recommendations for applying these attribution models and guidance for measure evaluation for endorsement and selection processes.

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Committee will be seated until the end of December 2016. **Participation requires a significant time commitment. To apply, Committee members should be available to participate**

**in all currently scheduled meetings.** Over the course of the Committee member's term, additional calls may be scheduled or calls may be rescheduled based on project needs; new dates will be set based on the availability of the majority of the Committee.

**Table of scheduled meeting dates**

Meeting	Date/Time
<b>Committee In-Person Meeting #1 (2 days)</b>	June 14 – 15, 2016
<b>Committee Web Meeting #3 (2 hours)</b>	June 21, 2016 at 1:00PM-3:00PM ET
<b>Committee In-Person Meeting #2 (2 days)</b>	August 30 – 31, 2016
<b>Committee Web Meeting #4 (2 hours)</b>	September 9, 2016 at 2:00PM-4:00PM ET
<b>Committee Web Meeting #5 (2 hours)</b>	November 15, 2016 at 12:00PM-2:00PM ET

## CONSIDERATION & SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members when nominee expertise is comparable. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals is not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are sought for purchasers. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an individual to the Committee, please **submit** the following information:

- A completed [online nomination form](#), including:
  - a brief statement of interest
  - a brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
  - a short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above
  - curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*
- A completed disclosure of interest form. This will be requested upon your submission of the nominations form for Committees actively seeking nominees. **Please review the NQF [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest.** All potential Committee members must disclose any current and past activities prior to and during the nomination process in order to be considered.

- Confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled meeting dates. Committees or projects actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.**

#### QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ibarra or Erin O'Rourke at 202-783-1300 or [attribution@qualityforum.org](mailto:attribution@qualityforum.org). Thank you for your interest.