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Memo

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To: Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee

From: NQF staff

Re: Post-comment web meeting to discuss public comments received and NQF member expression of support has been canceled

Introduction

NQF closed the public commenting period on the measures submitted for endorsement consideration to the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Project. NQF did not receive any post-evaluation comments on the Standing Committee's recommendations. Since no comments were received and no measures are in need of Standing Committee discussion or voting, NQF along with the Standing Committee co-chairs have decided to cancel the post-comment web meeting scheduled for October 8, 2021.

Comments Received

NQF accepts comments on measures undergoing review in various ways and at various times throughout the evaluation process. First, NQF solicits comments on endorsed measures on an ongoing basis through the Quality Positioning System (QPS). Second, NQF solicits member and public comments during a 16-week comment period via an online tool on the project webpage.

Pre-evaluation Comments

NQF accepts comments prior to the evaluation of the measures via an online tool on the project webpage. For this evaluation cycle, the pre-evaluation comment period was open from April 22 to June 3, 2021 for the measures under review. One pre-evaluation comment was received from the measure developer pertaining to an update to the measure's logic model. This pre-evaluation comment was provided to the Standing Committee prior to the measure evaluation meeting.

Post-evaluation Comments

The draft report was posted on the project webpage for public and NQF member comment on August 11, 2021 for 30 calendar days. The Standing Committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) on November 30, 2021. The CSAC will determine whether or not to uphold the Standing Committee's recommendation for each measure submitted for endorsement consideration. All Standing Committee members are encouraged to attend the CSAC meeting to listen to the discussion. During the commenting period, NQF did not receive any comments. Since no comments were received, the post-comment web meeting has been canceled.

NQF Member Expression of Support

Throughout the 16-week continuous public commenting period, NQF members have the opportunity to express their support ('Support' or 'Do Not Support') for each measure to inform the Standing Committee's recommendations during the commenting period. This expression of support (or not) during the commenting period replaces the member voting opportunity that was previously held

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subsequent to Standing Committee deliberations. During the 16-week public commenting period, NQF did not receive any expressions of support for the measure under endorsement consideration for the current cycle.

Appendix A: NQF Member Expression of Support Results

During the 16-week public commenting period, NQF did not receive any expressions of support for the measure under endorsement consideration for the current cycle.