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Memo

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To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Commenting Draft Report: Behavioral Health and Substance Use Measure Review: Fall Cycle 2019

Background

This report reflects the review of measures for endorsement by the National Quality Forum (NQF) Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee. This Committee aims to endorse performance measures of accountability for improving the delivery of behavioral health and substance use services and achieving better health outcomes for the U.S. population. The most recent work, detailed in this report, examines measures pertaining to the use of antipsychotics and psychosocial care, emergency department utilization, as well as opioid overdose and opioid use disorder.

The 23-person Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee reviewed seven measures. Five were recommended for endorsement, and the Committee did not reach consensus for two of the measures.

Recommended Measures:

- **NQF 2800** Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (National Committee for Quality Assurance)
- **NQF 2801** Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (National Committee for Quality Assurance)
- **NQF 3175** Continuity of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (University of Southern California)
- **NQF 3539e** Use of Antipsychotics in Older Adults in the Inpatient Hospital Setting (Mathematica)
- **NQF 3541** Annual Monitoring for Persons on Long-Term Opioid Therapy (AMO) (Pharmacy Quality Alliance)

Consensus Not Reached:

- **NQF 3492** Acute Care Use Due to Opioid Overdose (Yale CORE)
- **NQF 3538** All-Cause Emergency Department Utilization Rate for Medicaid Beneficiaries Who May Benefit from Integrated Physical and Behavioral Health Care (The Lewin Group)

The Committee requests comments on all measures, but specifically for the measures where consensus was not reached.

NQF Member and Public Commenting

NQF members and the public are encouraged to provide comments via the online commenting tool on the draft report as a whole, or on the specific measures evaluated by the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on May 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm ET.