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Memo

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To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Behavioral Health and Substance Use Spring 2020 Meeting Summary

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Behavioral Health and Substance Use (BHSU) project. The review and evaluation of behavioral health measures has long been a priority of NQF, with endorsement for mental health and SUD measures going back more than a decade. At present, there are 42 NQF-endorsed behavioral health measures. The background and description of NQF's most recent BHSU Standing Committee meeting as well as previous meetings are available on NQF's project [webpage](#). This Committee oversees the measurement portfolio used to advance accountability and quality in the delivery of behavioral health and substance use services.

The 24-person BHSU Standing Committee reviewed three measures. One was recommended for endorsement and the Committee did not reach consensus for two of the measures.

Recommended Measures:

- **0108** Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA))

Consensus Not Reached:

- **2803** Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents (NCQA)
- **3572** Follow-Up After Psychiatric Hospitalization (Mathematica)

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 BHSU Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on August 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.