



## Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee – Measure Evaluation Web Meeting

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee for a web meeting on January 19, 2018 to evaluate one measure.

### Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives

NQF welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives. Committee members each introduced themselves and disclosed any conflicts of interest.

### Topic Area Introduction and Overview of Evaluation Process

NQF staff provided an overview of the topic area and the current NQF portfolio of endorsed measures. There are currently 50 endorsed measures in the Behavioral Health and Substance Use portfolio. NQF reviewed the Consensus Development Process (CDP) and the measure evaluation criteria with the Committee focusing on high-level changes made to the criteria in August 2017.

### Measure Evaluation

During the meeting, the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee evaluated one measure for endorsement consideration. A summary of the Committee deliberations will be compiled and provided in the draft technical report. NQF will post the draft technical report on March 1, 2018 for public comment for 30 calendar days on the NQF website.

**Measure Evaluation Criteria Rating Key:** H – High; M – Moderate; L – Low; I – Insufficient

### **3315 Use of Antipsychotics in Older Adults in the Inpatient Hospital Setting (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/Mathematica Policy Research)**

This is an electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM)

#### *Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

- Katherine Sobel, National Committee for Quality Assurance
- Kirsten Barrett, Mathematica Policy Research
- Llewelyn Brown, Mathematica Policy Research
- Bob Rehm, National Committee for Quality Assurance

#### *Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: H-0; M-7; L-11; I-2

#### *Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement*

The Standing Committee did not vote on the recommendation for endorsement because the measure did not pass the Importance criterion—a must-pass criterion. The Committee examined the evidence provided for criterion 1a to determine if it addressed nonpsychiatric hospitalization ordering of antipsychotics for elderly patients. The Committee expressed concern on evidence for

exclusions missing in the measure as specified, specifically elderly patients hospitalized who were previously on an antipsychotic. In addition, the Committee was concerned that the evidence for the measure, as specified, lacked benchmarks to determine what constitutes appropriate ordering of antipsychotics.

The Standing Committee did not recommend the measure for NQF endorsement because it did not pass criterion 1a Evidence to Support the Measure Focus. The Committee agreed that antipsychotic prescribing in the elderly is an important topic to measure, and requested that the developer consider updating the measure specifications to address their concerns specific to benchmarking, time and nature of antipsychotic ordering, and exclusions.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were provided during the measure evaluation meeting.

### **Next Steps**

NQF will post the draft technical report on March 1, 2018 for public comment for 30 calendar days. The continuous public comment with member support will close on March 30, 2018. NQF will re-convene the Standing Committee for two additional web meetings to evaluate the four remaining measures on January 24, 2018 and February 6, 2018.