



## Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee— Post-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 June 27, 2018 to continue the discussion of two behavioral health and substance use measures.

### Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

NQF welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives.

### Overview of NQF Measure Evaluation Subcriterion 2b. Validity

NQF staff provided an overview of the changes made to the NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance in August 2017. Specifically, the changes made to *subcriterion 2b. Validity* now require empirical validity testing at the time of maintenance review, and if it is not possible to provide updated empirical testing, a justification is required at the time of maintenance review.

### Discussion and Revote of Candidate Measure 1880

During the meeting, the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee discussed and re-voted on the validity criterion for measure 1880. The Committee co-chairs and others on the Committee were concerned that the guidance for evaluating the measure was not made clear to the Committee members who did not understand how to evaluate and vote on a justification during the evaluation web meeting on June 15. In preparation for the post-meeting discussion, NQF staff provided guidance on evaluating a justification in lieu of empirical validity testing for maintenance measures. The guidance included the following information on voting options:

- Moderate (highest vote per the algorithm). The Committee should vote Moderate if they accept the previous analysis/results and they accept the justification provided.
- Low. The Committee should vote Low if they do not accept the previous analysis/results. If the Committee votes Low, the measure would fail the validity criteria; therefore, the justification is moot.
- Insufficient. The Committee should vote Insufficient if they accept the previous analysis/results, and they do not agree with the justification that was provided.

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

### 1880 Adherence to Mood Stabilizers for Individuals with Bipolar I Disorder (National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA))

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

- Erin Giovannetti, National Committee for Quality Assurance

#### *Standing Committee Votes*

- Validity: M-13; L-0; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-13; No-0*

The Standing Committee recommended the measure for continued endorsement. The Committee re-voted on the existing face validity analysis and the developer's justification for not submitting empirical testing. The Committee agreed to accept the previous face validity results from 2014, and accept the developer's justification and plan to submit empirical validity testing before the next maintenance review. A few Committee members recommended that the developer submit a more robust validity plan by assessing how this measure relates to outcomes and unintended consequences.

**Public Comment**

No public or NQF member comments were provided during the meeting.

**Next Steps**

NQF will post the draft technical report on July 24, 2018 for public comment for 30 calendar days. The continuous public comment with member support will close on August 22, 2018. NQF will re-convene the Standing Committee for the post-comment web meeting on September 20, 2018.