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# Cost and Efficiency

## Spring 2018 Cycle

CSAC Review and Endorsement

*October 23-24, 2018*

# Cost and Efficiency

- The Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee oversees NQF's portfolio of cost and efficiency measures.
- This portfolio address cost of care measures, which calculate healthcare costs and resource use.
- The Committee is also tasked with evaluating efficiency measures
  - *Defined as: The resource use or cost associated with a specific level of performance with respect to the other five Institute of Medicine (IOM) aims of quality: safety, timeliness, effectiveness, equity, and patient-centeredness.*
  - *Currently there are none of these measures in the portfolio*

# Cost and Efficiency

- For this project, the Standing Committee evaluated one measure undergoing maintenance review against NQF's standard evaluation criteria, NQF #0496: Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients.
- This measure was submitted to the Scientific Methods Panel for review of the Scientific Acceptability criterion

# Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee Recommendations

- #0496 Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/The Lewin Group): **Not Recommended**
  - *The Committee questioned the underlying assumption of the measure as specified—that decreased wait times indicate ED performance and quality of care.*
  - *Committee members noted that variation in performance clearly existed, but they were not convinced that the gap represented meaningful differences in quality.*
  - *The Committee did not reach consensus on Evidence.*
  - *The measure did not pass the Performance Gap criterion—a must-pass criterion.*

# Measure Evaluation Summary

	Maintenance Measures	New Measures	TOTAL Measures
Submitted	1	0	1
Measures Recommended	0	0	0
Measures Not Recommended	1	0	1
Measures Withdrawn from Consideration	0	0	0
Reasons for not recommending:	Importance – 1 Scientific Acceptability -0 Overall – 0	Importance – 0 Scientific Acceptability - 0 Overall – 0	

# Public and NQF Member Comments Received

- The draft report was posted on the project webpage for a 30-day comment period on August 7, 2018.
- During this commenting period, NQF received one comment from one member organization.
- Since the one comment received was in support of the Committee's recommendations, the post-comment web meeting was canceled.

# Member Expression of Support

***NQF #0496 Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Discharged ED Patients (The Lewin Group/ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)***

Member Council	Support	Do Not Support	Total
Consumer	0	1	1

# Timeline and Next Steps

Process Step	Timeline
Appeals Period	October 26, 2018-November 26, 2018
Adjudication of Appeals	November 27, 2018-December 21, 2018
Final Report	Early February 2019



# Questions?

- Project Webpage: [https://www.qualityforum.org/Cost and Efficiency.aspx](https://www.qualityforum.org/Cost_and_Efficiency.aspx)
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