



Cost and Efficiency

BACKGROUND

With the guidance of the Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee, NQF continues to refine best practices for evaluating cost and resource use measures. In addition to evaluating cost and resource use measures, this Committee's charge also extends to exploring pathways to assess efficiency more broadly. While there are currently no NQF-endorsed efficiency measures, this scope allows the Committee to take a more holistic view of drivers of healthcare spending and identify sources of inefficiency and waste across the system.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

This multistakeholder Standing Committee has been established to evaluate newly submitted and maintenance cost and resource use measures and to make recommendations for which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards and considered for use in performance improvement accountability applications. NQF will convene this Committee to provide guidance and input to accomplish the project objectives:

- Oversee the portfolio of measures
- Identify and evaluate competing and related measures
- Identify opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- Recommend measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- Provide advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (i.e., cross-cutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- Ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- Review draft documents
- Recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process (CDP)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Committee will include no more than 25 individuals seated for one year.

Terms

New standing committee members are appointed to a two- or three-year term with the ability to extend for one additional term of two years; Committee members may serve two consecutive terms, for a total of five years (or 10 evaluation cycles). The committee member's term on a standing committee begins upon selection to the committee, immediately following the close of the roster commenting period.

Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment.

Committee members are expected to participate in all scheduled meetings. Over the course of the committee member's term, additional meetings will be scheduled, or meetings may be rescheduled; new dates are set based on the availability of the majority of the committee.

Committee participation includes:

- Participate in the scheduled Orientation Web Meeting (2 hours)
- Identify and disclose potential biases (real or perceived)
- Review all measure submission forms (approximately 2 hours per measure)
- Complete all surveys and evaluations
- Attend all scheduled evaluation meetings. These may be in-person meetings (1-2 full days in Washington, DC) or a series of webinars (typically 2 hours each)
- Lead discussion of some measures at calls or meetings and participate in the discussion and vote on ratings and recommendations for all measures
- Review meeting summaries and/or draft reports
- Complete measure evaluation by reviewing the comments received on the draft report and then participating on the post-comment webinar (2 hours)
- Complete additional measure evaluations by conference call or webinar if needed
- Participate in additional calls or webinars as necessary
- Present measures and lead discussions for the committee on conference calls, webinars, and other meetings

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Web Meeting	December 16, 2019 2:00 pm-4:00 pm ET
Strategic Conversation Web Meeting	March 19, 2020 1:30 pm-3:30 pm ET

PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

Committee members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives on committees, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a committee.

NQF is seeking 14 nominees for this Committee with relevant expertise in:

- Health services research, cost effectiveness research, and health economics
- Measurement science, particularly cost, resource use, or efficiency methods
- Experts in developing grouper-based measurement systems, or risk-adjustment systems using claims data
- Measure development, specifically outcome performance measures or cost measures
- Users and implementers use of cost, resource use, or efficiency measures

- Patients, family members and caregivers, consumers and consumer advocates
- Purchasers (state, federal, and/or private)
- Clinicians and healthcare providers

Please review the NQF [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) to learn about how NQF identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Committee members must disclose any current and past activities prior to and during the nomination process in order to be considered.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF members when nominee expertise is comparable. (Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals are *not permitted*.) Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are sought for individual subject matter experts. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve.

To nominate an individual to the Committee, please **submit** the following information:

- a completed [online nomination form](#), including:
 - a brief statement of interest
 - a brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
 - a short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above
 - curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*
- A completed disclosure of interest form. This will be requested upon your submission of the nomination form for committees actively seeking nominees.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates. Committees or projects actively seeking nominees will solicit this information upon submission of the online nomination form.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Wednesday, October 30, 2019**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Buchanan at 202-783-1300 or efficiency@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.