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## Memo

**March 30, 2021**

**To:** NQF members

**From:** NQF staff

**Re:** Cost and Efficiency, Fall 2020 Cycle Draft Report for Review

### Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Cost and Efficiency project. Measures in this portfolio address cost of care measures, which calculate total healthcare spending. The portfolio also includes efficiency measures, which NQF defines 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.

The 22-person Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee reviewed one measure. This measure was recommended for endorsement.

### Recommended Measure:

- 2158: Medicare Spending Per Beneficiary (MSPB) Hospital (Acumen, LLC)

**The Committee requests comments on this measure.**

### 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 Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee.

**Please note that commenting concludes on April 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm ET—no exceptions.**