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August 26, 2022

To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Cost & Efficiency Spring 2022 Draft Technical Report

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Cost & Efficiency project. Measures in this portfolio are essential to evaluate the efficiency of care and improve value through changes in practice. Healthcare cost measurement continues to be a critical component in assessing the efficiency of the U.S. healthcare system. Improving U.S. health system efficiency can simultaneously reduce cost growth and improve the quality of care provided. The measures in this review cycle focus on three condition-specific care episodes: elective primary hip arthroplasty, non-emergency coronary artery bypass graft, and lumbar spine fusion for degenerative disease.

The Cost & Efficiency [Standing Committee](#) reviewed three new measures during the spring 2022 cycle. All three measures were recommended for initial endorsement.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #3623 Elective Primary Hip Arthroplasty Measure (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]/Acumen, LLC)
- NQF #3625 Non-Emergent Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Measure (CMS/Acumen, LLC)
- NQF #3626 Lumbar Spine Fusion for Degenerative Disease, 1-3 Levels Measure (CMS/Acumen, LLC)

The Standing Committee requests comments on all measures.

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 & Efficiency Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on September 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.