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Technical Expert Panel Evaluation Call (Orthopedic Surgery)

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Agenda for the Call

- Welcome and Disclosures of Interest
- Consideration of Candidate Measure #3474
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

NQF Staff

- Project staff
  - *Ashlie Wilbon, Senior Director*
  - *Kate McQueston, Senior Project Manager*
  - *Poonam Bal, Senior Project Manager*
  - *Hiral Dudhwala, Project Manager*
  - *Taroon Amin, Consultant*
- NQF Quality Measurement leadership staff
  - *Elisa Munthali, Senior Vice President*

Introductions and Disclosures of Interest

Technical Expert Panel

- Timothy Henne, MD, Orthopedics Associate of Michigan
- Bryan Little, MD, Detroit Medical Center
- Anthony Mascioli, MD, University of Tennessee/ Campbell Clinic
- Kimberly Templeton, MD, University of Kansas Medical Center

Consideration of Candidate Measure

Cost and Efficiency: Fall 2018 Cycle

- Evaluation of one new measure submitted for fall 2018 cycle
  - NQF 3474 *Hospital-Level, Risk-Standardized Payment Associated with a 90-Day Episode of Care for Elective Primary Total Hip and/or Total Knee Arthroplasty (THA/TKA)*
  - *Steward is CMS/Yale-CORE*

Clinical Logic Evaluation

- Clinical Logic
  - To what extent is the measure population clinically appropriate?
  - To what extent are the definitions used to identify the measure population clinically consistent with the intent of the measure?
- Evidence to Support Clinical Logic
  - To what extent does the submission adequately describe the evidence that supports the decisions/logic for grouping claims (i.e., identifying the measure population, exclusions) to measure the clinical condition for the episode?
- Measure Trigger and End Mechanisms of the Episode
  - Given the condition being measured, and the intent of the measure, describe the alignment of the length of the episode (including what triggers the start and end) with the clinical course of this condition.

Adjustments for Comparability – Inclusion/Exclusion Evaluation

Clinical Inclusions and Exclusions

- Describe the clinical relevancy of the exclusions to narrowing the target population for the episode, condition/clinical course or co-occurring conditions, and measure intent.
- Do the exclusions represent a large number or proportion of patients?
- To what extent is the rationale for clinical exclusions adequately described and clinically relevant?
- To what extent are the relevant conditions represented in the codes listed in the submission for clinical inclusions and exclusions?

Adjustments for Comparability – Risk-Adjustment Evaluation

- Risk adjustment
  - To what extent are the covariates (factors) included in the risk adjustment model clinically relevant and consistent with the measure's intent?
    - » Are there additional clinical factors that should be considered for inclusion? Factors that should be excluded?

Public Comment

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- NQF staff will incorporate TEP feedback on NQF 3474 and share with the Cost and Efficiency Standing Committee in preparation for the Standing Committee's Measure Evaluation Web Meetings
  - *February 12 and February 13, 2019, 2-4 pm EST*
- Intent to Submit for spring 2019 cycle
  - *Deadline-January 7, 2019*
  - *TEP will be reconvened for a 1-hour call during April 2019 if an orthopedic surgery measure is submitted*

Questions?

- Project webpage: https://www.qualityforum.org/Cost_and_Efficiency.aspx
- Project email address: efficiency@qualityforum.org

Thank You