



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO COST AND RESOURCE USE STANDING COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

In January 2010, NQF released the [Measurement Framework: Evaluating Efficiency Across Patient-Focused Episodes of Care](#), which addressed cost and resource use as one of the three overarching domains for assessing efficiency. This framework advised that measures of resource use and cost should acknowledge the value of measuring actual prices paid, standardized prices, in addition to measuring overall utilization. Further, inappropriate care, including failing to provide an evidence-based intervention to an eligible patient or administering an intervention that is unwarranted, cannot be efficient.

Later in 2010 NQF embarked on its first effort to evaluate and endorse cost and resource use measures to expand the NQF portfolio of endorsed cost and resource use measures that in turn could be used as building blocks toward understanding efficiency and value. This learning was captured in the [final](#) and [technical reports](#), yielded the first eight endorsed cost and resource use measures in the NQF portfolio, and the [NQF Resource Use Measure Evaluation Criteria](#). Building on this work, NQF began another project to evaluate non-condition specific measures of resource use, using per-capita and per-hospitalization approaches. This work is currently ongoing. In upcoming work, NQF will continue efforts to evaluate cost and resource use measures focused cardiovascular and pulmonary conditions across two phases of work.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

A multi-stakeholder Standing Committee will be established to evaluate newly submitted measures and measures undergoing maintenance review and make recommendations for which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards.

The Standing Committee's primary work is to evaluate the submitted measures against the [NQF Resource Use Measure Evaluation Criteria](#) and make recommendations for endorsement. The Committee will also:

- oversee the cost and resource use 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 Measures Application Partnership)
- ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- review draft products
- recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

Nominations Due By Tuesday, November 12th, 2013, 6:00 PM ET

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STANDING COMMITTEE

This Committee will be seated as a standing committee comprised of 20-25 individuals, with members serving terms that may encompass multiple measure review cycles. Committee members currently serving on the Cost and Resource Use Committee will be given the option to continue their participation for an assigned term. Remaining seats will be filled with newly submitted nominations.

Terms

Standing Committee members will initially be appointed to a 2 or 3 year term. Each term thereafter would be a 3 year term, with Committee members permitted to serve two consecutive terms. After serving two terms, the Committee member must step down for one full term (3 years) before becoming eligible for reappointment. For more information, please reference the Standing Committee Policy.

Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment. To apply, Committee members should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings. Over the course of the Committee member's term, additional calls will be scheduled or calls may be rescheduled; new dates will be set based on the availability of the majority of the Committee.

Each measure review cycle generally runs about 7 months in length.

Committee participation includes:

- Review measure submission forms during each cycle of measure review:
 - Each committee member will be expected to fully review and provide a preliminary evaluation of submitted measures (approximately 2-3 hours/measure)
- Participate in the orientation call (2 hours)
- The option to attend one of two NQF staff-hosted measure evaluation Q &A calls (2 hours)
- Attendance at scheduled in-person meetings (2 full days in Washington, DC);
- Complete measure review by attending the post-comment conference call (2 hours)
- Complete additional measure reviews by conference call [to be scheduled, if needed]
- Participate in additional calls as necessary
- Complete surveys and pre-meeting evaluations
- Present measures and lead discussions for the Committee on conference calls and in meetings

Table of scheduled meeting dates – Phase 2 - Cardiovascular Condition-Specific

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Call (2 hours)	January 13, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Q&A (2 hours)	February 10, 2014 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET or February 19, 2014 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET
In-person meeting (2 days in Washington, DC)	March 4, 2014 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM ET March 5, 2014 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM ET
Post Draft Report Comment Call (2 hours)	June 4, 2014, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ET

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Table of scheduled meeting dates – Phase 3 - Pulmonary Condition-Specific

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Call (2 hours)	April 23, 2014 12:00 – 2:00 PM ET
Measure Evaluation Q&A (2 hours)	May 28, 2014 12:00 – 2:00 PM ET or June 11, 2014 12:00 – 2:00 PM ET
In-person meeting (2 days in Washington, DC)	June 25, 2014 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM ET June 26, 2014 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM ET
Post Draft Report Comment Call (2 hours)	September 17, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 PM ET

Preferred Expertise & Composition

Standing 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.

Steering Committee members should not have a vested interest in the candidate measures. This includes employees or contractors of measure owners/developers, members of workgroups that developed the measures, and members of committees that approve measures or direct or set policy for measure development. Please see the NQF website for additional information about the [Conflict of interest policy](#). All potential Steering Committee members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

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 from an organization at conference calls or meetings is not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for appointment to the Steering Committee, please send 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 750 characters), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development;

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- 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 nominations form.
- 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 November 12th, 2013.**

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Evan M. Williamson, MPH, MS, or Ashlie Wilbon, MPH, RN, at 202-783-1300 or efficiency@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.