



Cost and Resource Use 2016-2017

BACKGROUND

As ongoing health reform efforts focus on expanding coverage, increasing access to care, and reducing costs, it is important to understand how resources are currently being used in the healthcare system in the context of quality, preferably related to health outcomes. Aligning resource use (or cost) and quality measures will enable the healthcare system and other stakeholders to better evaluate efficiency of care. Recent legislation including the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) of 2014 and Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) require using resource use data to further support efforts to move toward a value-based purchasing (VBP) payment model. Resource use data will be included on the physician compare website, and will ultimately be included in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for physicians.

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, NQF embarked in 2010 on its first effort to evaluate and endorse cost and resource use measures. 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 for all conditions in the fourth phase of work.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

A multi-stakeholder Standing Committee will 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 Measure Applications 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.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

This nomination is to fill gaps on the currently seated Standing Committee. The Committee is seated as a standing committee comprised of 20-25 individuals, with members serving terms that may encompass multiple measure review cycles. NQF is currently filling 3-6 seats and is looking for nominees in the following gap areas:

- 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, consumers and consumer advocates;
- Purchasers (state, federal, and/or private);
- Clinicians and healthcare providers, particularly post-acute or long-term care

Terms

NQF expects this project to be significantly larger than past cycles of Cost & Resource Use work. Participation on the Committee requires a very 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.

Standing Committee members will be appointed to a 3-year term. Committee members are 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.

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 3-4 hours/measure)
- Participate in the orientation call for new members (2 hours)
- Participate in the full Committee orientation/measure evaluation Q & A call (2 hours)
- Attendance at one of six workgroup calls (2.5 hours each)
- Attendance at Committee's in-person meeting (**three*** full days in Washington, DC)

- Participate in two post-meeting follow up calls (2.5 hours each)
- Complete measure review by attending two post-comment conference calls (2.5 hours each)
- 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

**Due to the large number of measures expected in this round of work, the Committee meeting will be three days rather than the standard two days.*

Table of scheduled meeting dates

Meeting	Date/Time
New Member Orientation	February 3, 2017, 2:00-4:00pm ET
Full Committee Orientation/Measure Evaluation Tutorial	February, 10, 2017, 1:00-3:00pm ET
Workgroup Calls (2.5 hours) <i>Committee members are required to attend one of these calls; workgroup assignments made based on availability and expertise.</i>	February 22, 2017, 2:00-4:30pm ET February 24, 2017, 1:00-3:30pm ET February 27, 2017, 2:00-4:30pm ET March 1, 2017, 1:00-3:30pm ET March 3, 2017, 12:00-2:30pm ET March 7, 2017, 2:00-4:30pm ET
Three day in-person Meeting (Washington, DC)	March 15, 2017, 8:00am ET-5:00pm ET March 16, 2017, 8:00am ET- 5:00pm ET March 17, 2017, 8:00am ET-2:30pm ET
Post-Meeting Call #1	March 22, 2017, 2:00-4:30pm ET
Post-Meeting Call #2	March 24, 2017, 1:00-3:30pm ET
Post-Comment Call #1	June 6, 2017 at 2:00-4:30pm ET
Post-Comment Call #2	June 8, 2017 at 1:00-3:30pm 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.

Nominees should possess relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in healthcare cost and resource use measurement. NQF is seeking nominees with a variety of experiences including health services researchers, health economists, and measure methodologists. We are also seeking consumers, health plans, patients, purchasers, and clinicians.

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 & 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 is 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 Cost and Resource Use Standing 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 [and involvement in candidate measure development; CDP only]
 - 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 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 November 7, 2016**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Roiland or Suzanne Theberge, at 202-783-1300 or efficiency@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.