

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS FOR ENDORSING PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR EFFICIENCY-RESOURCE USE: PHASES I & II

NQF is seeking nominations to fill the following identified gaps:

- a cardiologist to serve as a Steering Committee member (Phases I & II) and Cardiovascular Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) chair (Phase II);
- a representative from nursing; and
- a physician who can bring the perspective of solo/small group practice.

Nominees should bring knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- episode-based measurement;
- measurement methodologies (e.g., risk-adjustment models, models for attribution, data aggregation, grouping);
- measurement of costs and resource use;
- patient-centered care models; and
- efficiency of care measurement.

BACKGROUND

This effort will convene in two phases. [Phase I](#) of the project will focus on developing two commissioned white papers aimed at laying the foundation for this committee's work. The first paper will identify the sets of quality and efficiency measures that could be applied at a geographic or population level, and the second will focus on criteria for determining the appropriateness of episode-based resource use measures. This will be followed by [Phase II](#), a consensus development project to review and endorse resource use measures across 18 conditions drawn from Medicare's list of high-impact conditions.

In addition to the Steering Committee evaluation of submitted measures, technical advisers will be convened to provide clinical expertise and evaluation of measures to the Committee. A call for nominations for technical advisers is expected to begin in spring of 2010.

To date, NQF has endorsed an episode of care framework and efficiency-focused measures through other projects, including [Hospital Outcomes and Efficiency I & II](#) and [Imaging Efficiency](#); however, this will be NQF's first project focused on cost and resource use.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is charged with reviewing the two commissioned white papers in draft during Phase I to address any pertinent issues for the authors and then final drafts of these documents. The focus of the Committee, however, is on identifying the methodological issues that require clarification *before* episode-based resource use measures are evaluated in [Phase II](#). This work would be aligned with NQF's measure evaluation criteria, providing guidance on

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application to resource use measures and expanding the NQF evaluation criteria if there are unique aspects of resource use measures that need to be addressed.

Using the work completed in Phase I, during Phase II of this project, the Steering Committee will oversee the development of a draft consensus report that will include recommendations measures to be endorsed as consensus standards for resource use. **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. Potential Steering Committee members must disclose any relevant current and past activities during the nomination process.

As with all NQF projects, the Steering Committee will work with NQF staff to provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, and review draft products.

Time Commitment: Across the two phases of this project, the Steering Committee will meet in person for two, two-day meetings on July 12th -July 13th in Washington, DC, and participate in a series of conference calls. Follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may be needed. Phase I dates are confirmed. Phase II dates are to be determined.

Phase I Meetings	Dates
Conference call to review white paper #1	June 14, 2010
Conference call to review white paper #2	June 18, 2010
Two-day in-person meeting	July 12-13, 2010

Phase II Meetings	Dates
Conference call to review initial measures	October 2010
Two-day in-person meeting	2011

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations are for an individual and not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization are not permitted.

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT

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 or TAP, you must send the following information:

- a completed [Efficiency Nomination Form](#);
- confirmation of availability to participate at the in-person meetings;
- a two-page letter of interest;
- **a biography of 100 words or fewer**, highlighting experience and knowledge relevant to the expertise described above;

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- a curriculum vitae and/or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- a completed [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) form.

Materials should be submitted only via e-mail to efficiency@qualityforum.org with the subject line "Nominations."

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations MUST be submitted by 6:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Ashlie Wilbon, RN, MPH, at 202-559-9478 or via e-mail at efficiency@qualityforum.org.

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