



August 8, 2014

TO: NQF Members and Public

FR: NQF Staff

RE: Commenting Draft Report: *NQF-Endorsed Measures for Endocrine Conditions: Cycle 2, 2014*

Background

This report reflects the review of measures submitted in Cycle 2 of the Endocrine project. NQF selected the Endocrine measure evaluation project to pilot more frequent submission and evaluation of measures than what is possible in our current 3-year measure maintenance cycle. This 22-month project will include three full endorsement “cycles,” allowing for the submission and evaluation of both new and previously-endorsed measures every six months. In addition, this project is one of the first to transition to the use of Standing Committees.

The 20-person Endocrine Standing Committee reviewed six measures in Cycle 2 and initially recommended all six measures as suitable for endorsement. The six measures recommended by the Standing Committee include:

- 0037: Osteoporosis Testing in Older Women (NCQA)
- 0045: Communication with the Physician or Other Clinician Managing On-Going Care Post Fracture for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older (NCQA)
- 0046: Screening for Osteoporosis for Women 65-85 Years of Age (NCQA)
- 0053: Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (NCQA)
- 0416: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention – Evaluation of Footwear (APMA)
- 0417: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy – Neurological Evaluation (APMA)

Measure #0417 is a competing measure with a measure recommended for endorsement in Cycle 1 of the pilot (#0056). Committee members have been asked to give a recommendation about which of the two measures is superior. If they agree that one measure is superior, only that measure will be recommended for continued endorsement. Although the Committee has discussed the issue briefly and provided a preliminary recommendation, members will discuss the issue more fully on an upcoming call after considering comments submitted during the public and member comment period. ***NQF requests comments indicating whether one measure is superior to the other or whether endorsement of both measures is justified.***

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 Endocrine Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on September 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm ET – no exceptions.