
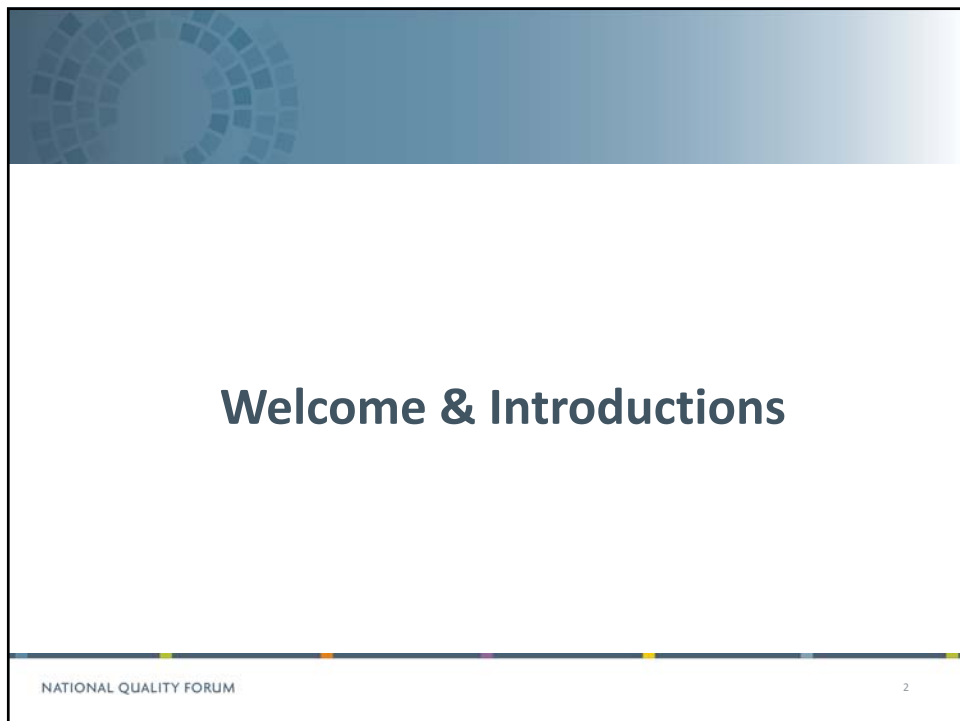


Episode Grouper Evaluation
Criteria
Expert Panel Orientation

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Welcome & Introductions

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Agenda for the Call

- Staff and Expert Panel Introductions
- Brief Introduction to NQF
- Current Landscape for Cost Measurement
- NQF's Previous and Current Work in Cost Measurement
- Current Landscape for Episode Groupers
- Overview of Episode Grouper Project
 - Scope
 - Project Goals and Approach
 - Timeline and Key Dates
- SharePoint Tutorial
- Next Steps

NQF Project Staff

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- Taroon Amin
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Expert Panel Roster

- Kristine Martin Anderson, MBA (Co-Chair)
- Joseph Cacchione, MD (Co-Chair)
- Stephen Bandeian, MD, JD
- David Bodycombe, MSc, ScD
- Francois de Brantes, MS, MBA
- Dan Dunn, PhD
- Nancy Garrett, PhD
- Jennifer Hobart, MBA, MSc
- David Hopkins, PhD
- Jim Jones, MBA
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NQF Mission

- Board of Directors
- Steering Committees
- 8 Membership Councils
- Measures Application Partnership (MAP)
- National Priorities Partnership (NPP)
- CSAC, HITACH

Neutral Convener

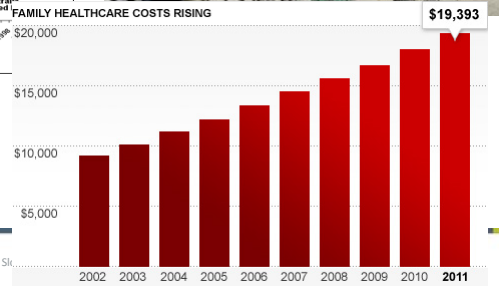
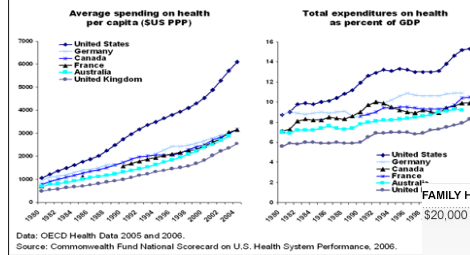
Standards Setting Organization

- 1** Build Consensus
- 2** Endorse National Consensus Standards
- 3** Education and Outreach

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State of Affairs

Figure ES-1. International Comparison of Spending on Health, 1980-2004

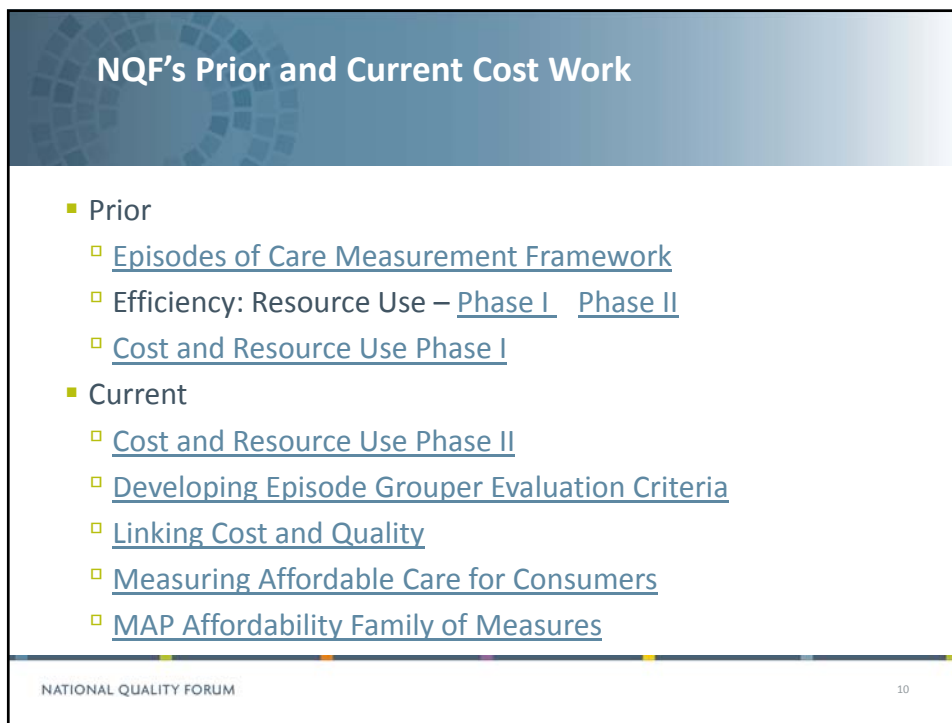
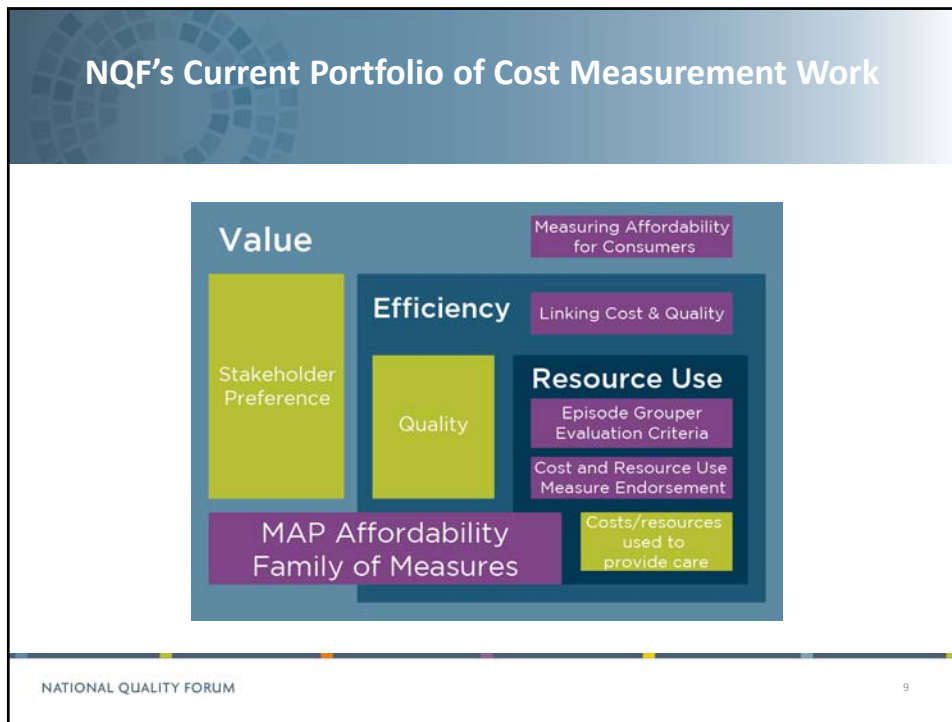


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Current Landscape for Cost Measurement

- The cost imperative
- Policy Implications
 - Legislation for Cost Measurement and Episode Groupers
 - Quality Resource Use Reports (QRUR)
 - Physician Value Based Purchasing
 - ACO's / Bundled Payments
 - Pay for Performance Programs

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Current Landscape for Episode Groupers

- Current use of groupers
 - Commercial Groupers
 - CMS Public Grouper
 - Use of tools varies by region
- Challenges
 - Complexity
 - Transparency
 - Multiple signals for the same providers
 - Market Implications
 - Proprietary Information
- NQF's Role in Evaluation Episode Groupers

Episode Grouper Project Overview

Project Scope

- This project will focus on principles, considerations and criteria for Episode Grouper construction and evaluation
- This criteria is NOT intended to be used to evaluate a specific grouper/tool/product, but for ANY grouper that would be submitted
- We will NOT be evaluating/selecting “best” approaches or selecting specific tools

Project Goals and Approach

1. Define the characteristics and purpose of an episode grouper versus other measurement systems (e.g., risk adjustment systems)
2. Identify the key steps in episode grouper construction
 - Principles/considerations
 - Necessary elements and associated criteria
3. Identify key considerations and implications for endorsing episode groupers
 - Challenges and path forward

Activities and Timeline

Process Step	Timeline
Expert Panel member orientation	1/22/14
Background Information Review	1/29/14 – 2/5/14
Expert Panel In-Person Meeting	3/4/14 – 3/5/14
Post-Meeting Conference Calls	3/12/14 12-2pm ET AND 3/19/14 12-2pm ET
Draft report posted for NQF Member and Public Review and Comment	3/24/14 – 4/22/14
SC call to review and respond to comments	5/14/14 from 12-2pm ET
CSAC review and approval	6/3/14 – 6/17/14
Endorsement by the Board	6/18/14 – 6/30/14
Final Report Complete	7/1/14

Role of the Expert Panel

- Act as a proxy for the NQF multi-stakeholder membership
- Work with NQF staff to achieve the goals of the project
- Establish principles and considerations for development and evaluation of Episode Groupers
- Respond to comments submitted during the public and member comment period
- Respond to any directions from the CSAC

Role of the Expert Panel Co-Chairs

- Facilitate Expert Panel (EP) meetings and participate as a member
- Keep SC on track to meet goals of the project without hindering critical discussion/input
- Assist NQF in anticipating questions and identifying additional information that may be useful to the EP
- Represent the EP at CSAC meetings

Role of NQF Staff

- **NQF project staff works with Expert Panel to achieve the goals of the project**
 - Organize and staff SC meetings and conference calls
 - Guide the Expert Panel through the process
 - Prepare background materials for the Expert Panel
 - Draft and edit reports for Expert Panel review
 - Facilitate necessary communication and collaboration between different NQF projects

NQF SharePoint Site

- http://share.qualityforum.org/Projects/episode_groupuper/SitePages/Home.aspx
- The SharePoint site will be the primary method of document sharing and collaboration for NQF Staff and the Expert Panel
- SharePoint Categories
 - Documents
 - Calendar
 - Committee and Staff Contacts

NQF SharePoint Site

- Documents
 - General Documents
 - » Roster and Bios, References, Preliminary Information
 - Meeting and Call Documents
 - » Agenda, Call information, and meeting materials for each conference call and the in-person meeting

Questions?



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Wrap-Up

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Next Steps

- In-Person Expert Panel meeting:
 - Wednesday, February 5th and Thursday, February 6th in Washington, DC
- Post-Meeting Conference Calls:
 - Wednesday, March 12th from 12-2pm ET, **AND**
 - Wednesday, March 19th from 12-2pm ET

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