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Memo

April 1, 2021

To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Commenting Draft Report: NQF-Endorsed for Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fall 2020 Cycle

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Geriatrics and Palliative Care project. Measures in the Geriatrics and Palliative Care portfolio target a variety of topic areas, including geriatric care, palliative care, and end-of-life care. These measures address physical, spiritual, and legal aspects of care, as well as the care of patients nearing the end-of-life. The measures in this review cycle focused on palliative care and end-of-life care topic areas. The 25-person Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee reviewed four maintenance measures against NQF's standard evaluation criteria on February 17 and 18, 2021. Three measures were recommended for endorsement while the remaining measure was not recommended for endorsement.

Recommended Measures:

- #1623 Bereaved Family Survey (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- #3235 Hospice and Palliative Care Composite Process Measure (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)
- #0326 Advance Care Plan (National Committee for Quality Assurance)

Measures Not Recommended:

- #0209 Comfortable Dying Pain Brought to a Comfortable Level Within 48 Hours of Initial Assessment (National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)

The Standing Committee requests comments on all measures, but specifically for the measures where consensus was not reached.

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 Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on April 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm ET—no exceptions.