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## Memo

**March 31, 2022**

**To:** NQF members

**From:** NQF staff

**Re:** Geriatrics and Palliative Care Fall 2021 Technical Report

### Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Geriatrics and Palliative Care project. Measures in this project's portfolio target several topic areas, including geriatric, palliative, and end-of-life care. Physical, spiritual, and legal aspects of care, as well as the care of those nearing the end of life, are incorporated into these measures. The measures that this cycle focused on include hospice visits in the last days of life, patients' experiences of feeling heard and understood in an ambulatory palliative care setting, and patients' experiences of receiving desired help for pain in an ambulatory palliative care setting.

The [Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee](#) reviewed three measures. All three were recommended for endorsement.

### Recommended Measures:

- NQF #3645 Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life (Abt Associates)
- NQF #3665 Ambulatory Palliative Care Patients' Experience of Feeling Heard and Understood (American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine [AAHPM])
- NQF #3666 Ambulatory Palliative Care Patients' Experience of Receiving Desired Help for Pain (AAHPM)

**The Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee requests comments on all measures.**

### 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 29, 2022, at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.**