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To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Geriatrics and Palliative Care Spring 2022 Draft Technical Report

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Geriatrics and Palliative Care project. Measures in this portfolio encompass topic areas relating to physical, spiritual, religious, ethical, and legal aspects of palliative and end-of-life care; general care of the patient nearing the end of life; and measures relating to geriatrics. The measures in this review cycle focus on several clinical areas, including timely enrollment in palliative and hospice services, reduction of aggressive end-of-life interventions, and documentation of patient treatment preferences.

The Geriatrics and Palliative Care Standing Committee reviewed four measures. Three measures were recommended for endorsement, but the remaining measure was not recommended for endorsement at the clinician-group level and was "consensus not reached" at the facility level.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #0210 Percentage of Patients Who Died From Cancer Receiving Chemotherapy in the Last 14 Days of Life (American Society of Clinical Oncology [ASCO])
- NQF #0213 Percentage of Patients Who Died From Cancer Admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in the Last 30 Days of Life (ASCO)
- NQF #0216 Percentage of Patients Who Died From Cancer Admitted to Hospice for Less Than Three Days (ASCO)

Not Recommended (Clinician Group) and Consensus Not Reached (Facility):

- NQF #1641 Hospice and Palliative Care – Treatment Preferences (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

The Standing Committee requests comments on all measures, especially the measures for which 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 September 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.

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