NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Category Descriptions:

1. *Quality Data Model (QDM) Elements*: For detailed definitions of "QDM standard category", "QDM data type" and "QDM data attribute", please visit the QDM project page. When making this selection, where relevant, please reference the specific name(s) of the QDM category (e.g. "procedure", "diagnosis", "individual characteristics"), data type (e.g. "procedure performed", "procedure result", "medication active", "medication allergy", "patient characteristics", "provider characteristics"), or attribute (e.g. "location", "ordinality", "severity", "route".)

2. *Codelist*: This category refers to comments related to the usage of codes or taxonomies for a particular codelist. For example, this may include comments regarding the choice of taxonomies or the addition, removal or modification of codes for that codelist. For a list of codelists used in a particular measure, please refer to the "eMeasure code list descriptor spreadsheet (eMeasure_codes.xls)" and the "Data Criteria" section of the "eMeasure Human Readable (NQF_HQMF_HumanReadable.XXXX.html)". (For additional information about codelists documentation, please see the eMeasure Viewing Guide.)

3. *Header*: This category refers to comments related to the information containing in the header section of the eMeasure. This may include, but not limited to, areas such as "measure description", "measurement period", "version number", "risk adjustment", "data aggregation", "rationale" and "clinical recommendation statement".

4. *Population Criteria*: This category refers to comments related to the usage of QDM data elements and the logic algorithms in the population criteria "initial patient population", "denominator", "numerator" and "exclusion" sections. For example, the comments may include areas such as timing relationships (e.g. "start before or during", "start before the start of", "ends before the end of"), logic operators (e.g. AND, OR, NOT, COUNT, INSTANCE), and nesting/indentation of logic statements.

5. *Summary Calculation*: This category refers to comments related to the calculation instructions related to an eMeasure.

6. *HL7 XML Templates*: This category refers to comments related to the underlying coding structure of an eMeasure. Refer to coding details in the "eMeasure specification (eMeasure_NQFxxxx.xml)" and "eMeasure reader (eMeasure_reader.xsl)".