

Infectious Disease Endorsement Maintenance 2012

Pre-Voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting:

- Project Scope
- Measures Recommended for Endorsement
- Overarching Issues
- Comments Received/Actions Taken

Project Scope

- 29 maintenance measures and 5 newly submitted measures were reviewed
- The measures address the following topic areas:
 - » Acute bronchitis
 - » Central line
 - » Hepatitis C
 - » HIV/AIDS
 - » Severe sepsis and septic shock
 - » Upper respiratory infection
 - » Ventilation
- The submitted measures were evaluated according to NQF evaluation criteria

Project Status

- All comments were addressed by the Steering Committee and developers had an opportunity to respond to comments on their measures
- Member and public comment period closed on November 5.
- Voting opened Monday, November 19, 2012 with 14 measures recommended for endorsement
- **Draft report and comment table available on the [project page](#)**

Measures Recommended

	MAINTENANCE	NEW	TOTAL
Measures under Consideration	29	5	34
Measures Withdrawn from Consideration	7	0	7
Measures Recommended	10	4	14
Measures Still Under Consideration	2	0	2
Measures not Recommended	10	1	11
Reasons for not Recommending	Importance – 5 Scientific Acceptability – 4 Overall – 1	Importance-1	

Overarching Issues

- Disparities-sensitive measures
- EHR measure testing
- Evidence guidance

Comments Received

- 54 comments received from 8 organizations
- Major Themes:
 - » General issues applicable to the measures under consideration
 - » Additional areas for measure development
 - » Comments on measure specifications referred to developers
 - » Utility of the medical visit
 - » Disagree with measures recommended
 - » Disagree with measures not recommended
- Comment responses from measure developers and Steering Committee

Impact of Comments

- 3 recommendations was included in the report as areas for future measure development
- After review of the submitted comments, 1 measure (0393) that was not originally recommended by the Committee will undergo additional discussion and evaluation. The measure is listed in the draft report as ‘still under consideration’ by the Committee. The Committee will re-discuss the measure on its December 5 call.
- Steering Committee did not wish to revisit their recommendations for any measures other than measure 0393

Next Steps

- NQF Member voting will end on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6pm ET
- Voting results will be forwarded to CSAC for discussion on the December 10, 2012 conference call
- The addendum report which addresses two measures will be discussed by the Committee on December 5. Voting will follow in December and be presented to the CSAC in January.

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