

Linking Cost and Quality Measures

Post Comment Call

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Call Objectives

- Provide a summary of comments received on the draft report,
- Highlight cross-cutting themes, and
- Discuss issues that would benefit from further committee input.

Major Themes and Issues for Discussion

1. Need for transparency and scientifically sound methods
2. Need for improved measure methodology for both cost and quality measures
3. Strengths, weaknesses, and use cases for each model
4. Implications for the NQF endorsement process

Discussion Questions for Theme#3: Strengths, weaknesses, and use cases for each model

- Question 1: Given the current limitations in evidence, what guidance can the Expert Panel give about the use of each model?
- Question 2: What future work could be done to explore the merits of each model?

Discussion Questions for Theme #4: Implications for the NQF endorsement process

- Question 3: As a first step to evaluating efficiency, should cost/resource use measure submission forms ask the measure steward to provide a description of the quality measures that will be linked to measure efficiency?
- Question 4: Is there a need for efficiency measurement and the methodology used to link cost and quality measures to undergo a multi-stakeholder review?
- Question 5: What are potential next steps for NQF in the field of efficiency measurement?

Next Steps

- Authors to revise white paper
- CSAC Review: September 9, 2014
- Final report: October 1, 2014