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## MAP Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting October 29, 2013 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a web meeting of the Measure Application Partnership (MAP) Clinician Workgroup on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. An online archive of the meeting is available by click [here](#).

### Workgroup Member Attendance

<b>Mark McClellan, Workgroup Chair</b>	Eugene Nelson; subject matter expert: Population Health
Amy Compton-Phillips, Kaiser Permanente	Ian Corbridge, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Bruce Auerbach, American College of Emergency Physicians	Jim Chase, Minnesota Community Measurement (substitute for Beth Averbeck)
Cheryl DeMars, The Alliance	Joanne Conroy, Association of American Medical Colleges
Cynthia Pellegrini, March of Dimes	Karen Sepucha; subject matter expert: Shared Decision-Making
Darryl Gray, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)	Kevin Larsen, Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC)
David Hopkins, Pacific Business Group on Health	Luther Clark; subject matter expert: Disparities
David Seidenwurm, American College of Radiology	Mark Metersky, Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement
Diane Padden, American Association of Nurse Practitioners	Paul Casale, American College of Cardiology
Dolores Yanagihara; subject matter expert: Measure Methodologist	Rachel Grob, Center for Patient Partnerships
Eric Whitacre; subject matter expert: Surgical Care	Regina Chell, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), substitute for Kate Goodrich

### Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

- Dr. Mark McClellan, Workgroup Chair, welcomed the group to the meeting and reviewed the meeting objectives.
  - Understand current state and proposed direction of Federal clinician measurement programs
  - Discuss MAP's approach to addressing clinician measurement challenges
  - Define MAP's role in advancing the participation and meaningfulness objectives of the Federal programs



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## Overview of Federal Clinician Measurement Programs

- NQF staff provided an overview of the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Physician Compare, and Value Based Payment Modifier programs and discussed proposed changes highlighted in the 2014 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule.

## MAP's Input on the Federal Clinician Measurement Programs

- Aisha Pittman, Senior Director, NQF reviewed the MAP pre-rulemaking approach and the recent changes to the MAP Measure Selection Criteria.
- Ms. Pittman then discussed the key issues affecting clinician performance measurement reporting and the low participation in PQRS.
- As a first step in identifying meaningful measures for clinician reporting, Ms. Pittman reviewed a recent analysis of the NQF-endorsed measure portfolio by physician specialty. The analysis also identified cross cutting measures that may be applicable to multiple physician specialties.
- Workgroup members discussed:
  - How the recent updates to the MAP Measure Selection Criteria will facilitate incorporating measures into the PQRS that will allow all clinicians to participate in the program. NQF staff clarified that the MAP Measure Selection are intended to provide guidance; the workgroup may make recommendations that do not align with all aspects of the Measure Selection Criteria.
  - The importance of filling gaps to increase clinician participation, especially clinician specialties, in meaningful quality reporting. NQF-endorsed measures that address physician specialties and are not included in PQRS can serve as a starting point for gap filling.
  - The need for better alignment that expands beyond federal programs to include state, local, and private programs.

## Identifying Cross-Cutting Measures to be Reported by All Clinicians

- Ms. Pittman presented the cross-cutting measures that may be applicable to multiple physician specialties as a potential starting place for core measures that all clinicians could report.
- In discussion, the workgroup expressed a preference for measures that address patient-reported outcomes, cost information (including out-of-pocket costs), health literacy, and cultural competency.
- Finally, the workgroup identified additional topic areas that need to be addressed by core measures, including preventive health and maternal and child health measures.

## Review Clinician Pre-Meeting Exercise and Next Steps

- Ms. Pittman presented background on the pre-meeting exercise and gave an opportunity for the workgroup to raise questions regarding pre-meeting assignment due November 11, 2013.
- The upcoming MAP Clinician Workgroup meetings are:
  - November 19 - Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting to kick off Pre-Rulemaking and to review additional currently finalized PQRS measures
  - December 4 - All MAP Web Meeting to review list of measures under consideration



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## Meeting Summary

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- December 18 -19- Clinician Workgroup In-Person Meeting to develop Pre-Rulemaking input to the MAP Coordinating Committee