

MAP Coordinating Committee and Workgroups Proposed Roster with Public Comments and NQF Responses

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Marybeth Farquhar, PhD, MSN, RN, Vice President, Quality, Research & Measurement URAC Comment Received: 6/8/2018	Overall, I think the roster is fine. However, in the future NQF may want to consider adding some new organizations to the Coordinating Committee especially if part of the Committee’s charge is to “ensure that measure sets evolve over time.” Some of the traditional organizations in health care have no incentive to change from the status quo, and I believe flexibility and change are required to improve the quality of care in the United States. Adding new organizations may bring fresh ideas that could help solve some very complex problems. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18
Kimberly Kauffman, Chief Value Based Care Officer Summit Medical Group Comment Received: 6/12/18	Summit Medical Group and the Accountable Care Coalition of Tennessee support the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million patients through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18
Stuart Yael Gordon, Director of Policy National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Comment Received: 6/18/18	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the Measures Application Process Coordinating Committee membership.</p> <p>We must once again, as we have in the past with the membership rosters of other relevant work groups, object to the absence of any individual familiar with the workings of state public mental health programs from the membership of the MAP Coordinating Committee.</p> <p>While we have the greatest respect for psychiatrist Harold Pincus and have worked with him in the past on mental health initiatives, his experience is almost entirely in the private sector, and not with public sector mental health programs. Where he has served in public service, it was with the National Institute of Mental Health, which funds research on evidence-based mental health practices but does not administer on-the-ground mental health programs.</p> <p>Similarly, we recognize the importance of having a representative of the State Medicaid Directors on the MAP Coordinating Committee (almost by definition). But in many, if not most, states the Medicaid program funds (in part), but does not directly administer, State public--and specifically Medicaid--mental health services, which are provided through the auspices of the state mental health programs administered by Mental Health Commissioner/Directors.</p> <p>We continue to be concerned that the NQF MAP process seems to be assigning second-class status to state public mental health programs and their measures and we urge the National Quality Forum staff to add a member to the MAP Coordinating Committee with experience administering a State Mental/Behavioral Health program.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this continuing issue.</p>	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18

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Stephen W. Nuckolls, Chief Executive Officer Coastal Carolina Health Care, P.A. Comment Received: 6/12/18	Coastal Carolina Health Care, PA supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18
Kris Elliott, MS, CPHIMS, Director, Quality Northern Physicians Organization (NPO)/Northern Michigan Health Network (NMHN)/Trillium Health Comment Received: 6/12/18	Northern Michigan Health Network, a Clinically Integrated Network and a Medicare Shared Savings Organization, comprised of over 530 physicians in Northern Michigan, supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18
Richard Antonelli, MD, Medical Director of Integrated Care/ Medical Director of Physician Relations and Outreach Boston Children’s Hospital/ Harvard Medical School Comment Received: 6/12/18	I appreciate the opportunity to offer a comment about the proposed MAP Coordinating Committee roster. In my view there are two gaps: 1) Child health/ pediatrics quality should have more robust representation 2) There should be more subject matter expertise in care coordination and care integration measurement. This is especially important since care coordination continues to be a high priority gap area for NQF in meeting national quality strategy goals I would respectfully recommend that the NQF Board consider filling these gaps before finalizing the roster of the MAP Coordinating Committee.	The MAP CC staff received your comment; thank you very much. Response Sent: 6/13/18
Devdutta Sangvai, MD, MBA, Executive Director, Duke Connected Care; Associated Chief Medical Officer, DUHS Duke Population Health Management Office Comment Received: 6/14/18	Duke Connected Care supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOS have a strong commitment to quality improvement and the first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. we support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting members on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.	Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters. Response Sent: 6/18/18

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Robert Fields, MD, SVP, CMO Population Health Mount Sinai Comment Received: 6/14/18	<p>Mount Sinai Health Partners supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/18/18</p>
Clay Allen, Director, Brand Communications Intermountain Healthcare Comment Received: 6/15/18	<p>Thank you for including our organization on the Hospital Workgroup roster as a newly appointed MAP member. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to working to support these efforts through our representative to the workgroup, Dr. Shannon Phillips, our Chief Patient Experience Officer.</p> <p>May I ask that you slightly change the way our organization is identified on this list? Our official name is Intermountain Healthcare (one word), not Intermountain Health Care (two words as currently shown).</p>	<p>Thank you for the clarifying how Intermountain Healthcare’s name should be presented on our external materials. The MAP Hospital NQF staff will ensure that all materials moving forward reflect this.</p> <p>Further, I will make the change to the proposed roster we currently have on our website; please note that this change may not be reflected for a day or two.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/18/18</p>
Maria Alexander, Senior Director, Clinical Operations and Government Channels, Population Health Mount Sinai Health Partners Comment Received: 6/18/18	<p>I am writing to submit comments on behalf of Mount Sinai Health System in response to NQF’s proposed MAP committee rosters:</p> <p>Mount Sinai Health System supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/18/18</p>
James Campbell, Assistant to VP of Administrative Operations National ACO Comment Received: 6/21/18	<p>National ACO supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. National ACO supports the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/22/18</p>

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Sandra Van Trease, Group President, BJC HealthCare; BJC ACO President BJC HealthCare Comment Received: 6/19/18	<p>BJC HealthCare organization supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup.</p> <p>We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/22/18</p>
Koryn Rubin, Assistant Director, Federal Affairs AMA Comment Received: 6/18/18	<p>I was directed to this email address when I tried to submit comments on the MAP clinician roster. The auto subject title filtered with out of date information. The subject stated “2017 MAP Roster Comment,” but should state “2018”. The following are the AMA’s comments. If I need to direct the comments elsewhere, please advise. Thank you!</p> <p>The American Medical Association (AMA) would like to comment on the proposed Measures Application Partnership Clinician Workgroup roster. In light of the diverse set of measures that is often reviewed by this workgroup, we believe that it is important that its representation adequately encompass the medical specialties to which MIPS, MSSP and other programs apply. Upon review of the Clinician Workgroup roster, we note the lack of diverse representation, particularly for the surgical specialties. We encourage NQF to ensure that the Clinician Workgroup has sufficient expertise at the table to allow for the thoughtful evaluation of potential measures under consideration for use in federal programs.</p>	<p>Thank you for sending this comment. We’re handling comments on all rosters through the measureapplications inbox so no further action is needed on your part.</p> <p>Apologies for the confusion about the 2017 vs. 2018 issue. It looks like outdated information on our website. Thanks for letting us know about that.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/18/18</p>
Gene Farber, Chief Operating Officer Reliance ACO Comment Received: 6/18/18	<p>I am writing on behalf of Reliance ACO LLC and Reliance Next Gen ACO in support of the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. NAACOS is the largest association of ACOs representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Share Savings Program (MSS) Next Generation and commercial ACOs.</p> <p>NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures clinicians, particularly matters related to MSSP and Next Gen programs.</p> <p>This perspective of an organization that represents real clinicians who will have to implement these measures is critical as MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sectors initiatives on measures that can truly make a difference in performance based payments and other programs. ACOs have been leaders in quality improvement and this experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. Reliance supports the Board of Directions decision and recommends final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment; the NQF BOD will consider it when they review the rosters.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/18/18</p>
Debbie Welle-Powell, Senior Population Health Leader Essentia Health Comment Received: 6/26/18	<p>Essentia Health supports the NQF Board of Directors decision to recommend that the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup. As the largest association of ACOs, representing more than 5 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Next Generation, and commercial ACOs, NAACOS and its members will bring a deep industry perspective to the MAP Clinician Workgroup as it considers the selection and coordination of measures for clinicians, particularly matters related to the MSSP and Next Generation ACO programs. Providing this industry perspective is critical as the MAP looks to provide input to HHS and private sector initiatives on measures for use in performance-based payment and other programs. ACOs have a strong commitment to quality improvement and this first-hand experience will be invaluable to the workgroup. We support the Board of Directors decision and recommend final approval of the recommendation that NAACOS serve as a voting member on the MAP Clinician Workgroup.</p>	<p>Thank you. NQF received your comment.</p> <p>Response Sent: 6/27/18</p>