**Measure Registry Needs Assessment Project**Based on the interest in and potential need for an approach or system to identify and track all information about measures, including versions, along the measure development, endorsement, and use pipeline, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has contracted with the National Quality Forum (NQF) to investigate the degree to which key stakeholders would find value in such an approach or system. This work includes exploring potential structural and management issues involved in its development and maintenance. In its role as a neutral convener, NQF will seek input from and convene multiple stakeholders across the quality measurement enterprise to conduct this needs assessment. The information gathered through this process will be publicly available for use by any individual or organization.

**Open Call for Information about Current Systems and Approaches for Gathering, Storing, and Accessing Measure Information**
To support this work, NQF is collecting information about current systems and approaches for gathering, storing, and accessing information about measures and their related versions, in addition to learning from other systems or approaches used to gather, store, and share information that may be similarly structured or complex. Individuals and organizations wishing to share perspectives and information for this needs assessment are asked to provide the information below. Based on this input, four (4) approaches or systems will be featured during a public webinar, and the information gathered via this open call will be summarized and posted on NQF’s web site. Please send your responses and any supporting information via email to rna@qualityforum.org by May 31, 2012.

More information on the Measure Versions Registry Needs Assessment project can be found at [www.qualityforum.org/RNA](http://www.qualityforum.org/RNA). For questions about this call for information or the project in general, please contact Anisha Dharshi at rna@qualityforum.org.

**Measure Registry Needs Assessment**Call for Information about Current Systems and Approaches for Gathering, Storing, and Accessing Measure Information

Name:

Title:

Organization:

E-mail address:

Please answer the following questions. **Feel free to include attachments or screenshots if appropriate.** Thank you for helping to inform this needs assessment regarding potential value in more consistently tracking all measures and their related versions.

1. **Does your organization maintain a system or approach to track and store measure information?**

If so:

* Briefly describe the design (electronic, paper, web-based, etc.) and purpose of your system or approach.
* What types of information (any and all information about measures, including versions, along the measure development, endorsement, and use pipeline) are included in your system or approach?
* Generally, how do you maintain the content and technical infrastructure of the system or approach? Who administers it?
* How is the information added to or updated in your system or approach? How frequently does that occur?
* Which stakeholders in healthcare quality currently use the system/approach?
* Do you give individuals external to your organization access to the information maintained in your system or approach? If so, provide the URL (online location, if any) and a brief description. Are there different levels of external (public) and internal (private) access to the system or approach? Do you have information about ‘why’ and ‘how often’ external groups access your approach or system, and how they use that information? If so, please include a brief description.
* Are you willing to share your approach to gathering measure information via a public webinar? (Yes or No)
* Are you willing to discuss in more depth the answers that you provided on this form? (Yes or No)
1. **Do you use one or more measure information systems or approaches that are external to your organization?**

If so, briefly describe the external systems or approaches you use to access or track information about measures.

* What are the names of the systems and who maintains them?
* What kind of information is included in these systems or approaches?
* What is the type of information you seek from these systems or approaches? What of this information is of the most use or value to you and why?
* How often do you access the system(s) or use the approaches to meet your measure information needs?
* What are the most useful attributes, functions, or content of each of these systems or approaches? Do you add any content or update any of the measure information contained in any of these systems or approaches?
* Are you willing to discuss in more depth the answers that you provided on this form? (Yes or No)