

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ORAL HEALTH EXPERT PANEL

NQF is seeking nominations for members of an Expert Panel for a new project to address the need for oral health performance measures that are applicable to oral health safety net dental programs, the Child Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), the Medicare and Medicaid core measures set, and for use by other implementers.

BACKGROUND: This project will build on work by HHS, the Dental Quality Alliance, and other entities to identify oral health measures throughout the measure pipeline, including measure concepts. NQF will utilize the priority areas defined by the HHS Oral Health Initiative, Healthy People 2020, and HRSA's strategic priorities to identify existing gaps in measures, and through collaboration with an expert panel, provide recommendations on potential prioritization of measures for future development and testing. The project will focus on measures applicable to all populations, with specific focus on children and other vulnerable populations. To date, NQF has endorsed four consensus standards applicable to oral health through the [National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Child Health Quality Measures 2010](#) project.

EXPERT PANEL: A multi-stakeholder Expert Panel will provide recommendations for performance measurement related to oral health, including the prioritization of measure concepts or preliminary measures that could be targeted for additional development and testing. The Expert Panel's recommendations will be utilized by NQF in the development of a framework report that will catalog and highlight oral health measures and measure concepts, oral health priorities, and gaps in measurement.

Expertise in all aspects related to oral health, including but not limited to experience with oral health service delivery, safety net dental programs, child health, vulnerable populations, prevention, measurement, or public reporting, is needed. In addition, NQF is seeking individuals with relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in quality measurement and/or clinical care of patients and procedures affecting the aforementioned populations.

Please see the [NQF website](#) for information about the conflict of interest policy. All potential Expert Panel members must disclose any current and past activities during the nomination process.

As with all NQF projects, the Expert Panel will work with NQF staff to develop specific project plans, provide advice about the subject, ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders, review draft products, and recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process.

NOMINATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012 6:00 PM ET

TIME COMMITMENT: The Expert Panel will meet during one in-person meeting in the Washington, DC area:

Introductory conference call: March 15, 2012 2:30–4:30 pm ET

In-person meeting: March 30, 2012

Additionally, the Expert Panel members may meet approximately two to three times by conference call for two hours each and be asked to review materials and provide feedback throughout the process. Follow-up e-mail communications or conference calls may also be needed.

CONSIDERATION AND SUBSTITUTION: Priority for Expert Panel membership will be given to nominations from NQF Members. Please note that nominations and Expert Panel membership are of individuals, not organizations, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at meetings and conference calls are not permitted.

MATERIAL TO SUBMIT: Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To be considered for appointment to the Expert Panel, please send the following information:

- A completed [Nomination Form](#);
- confirmation of availability to participate in the introductory conference call and the in-person meeting;
- a 2-page letter of interest and a 100 word maximum biography, highlighting experience relevant to the expertise described above and involvement in candidate measure development;
- curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*; and
- a completed [conflict of interest form](#).

Materials should be submitted only via e-mail to oralhealth@qualityforum.org with the subject line “Oral Health Nominations.”

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **Friday, February 17, at 6:00 pm ET.**

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Chandler at 202-783-1300 or oralhealth@qualityforum.org. In advance, thank you for your interest in this project.

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