



Patient Experience and Function Standing Committee – Measure Evaluation Post-Comment Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened the Patient Experience and Function (PEF) Standing Committee for a web meeting on June 1, 2021, from 2–5 PM ET to evaluate one fall 2020 measure that did not reach consensus on overall suitability.

Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Poonam Bal, NQF director, welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting and reviewed the meeting objectives. Oroma Igwe, NQF manager, took attendance. Quorum was not reached during the meeting, and the Standing Committee was not able to re-vote on measure #3593 *Identifying Personal Priorities for Functional Assessment Standardized Items (FASI) Needs* during the meeting.

Ms. Bal noted that the developer of #3594 *Alignment of Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) With Functional Assessment Standardized Items (FASI) Needs* withdrew the measure from consideration immediately before the post-comment call began. The developer plans to submit the measure in a future cycle after addressing the Standing Committee's feedback on the evidence submitted.

Ms. Bal also noted that no comments were received on the two measures originally under review.

Consideration of Consensus Not Reached Measure #3593

Ms. Bal provided an overview of the process for discussing and re-voting on overall suitability, the must-pass criterion that the Standing Committee did not reach consensus on for #3593. Ms. Bal clarified for the Standing Committee that during the post-comment measure review, the criterion under consideration must exceed 60 percent of Standing Committee votes of "pass"; otherwise, it fails.

During the meeting, the PEF Standing Committee discussed the one measure for which consensus was not reached for overall suitability for endorsement from the fall 2020 evaluation cycle and voted through an online survey after the meeting. A summary of the Standing Committee's deliberations is included below.

Rating Scale: H – High; M – Medium; L – Low; I – Insufficient; NA – Not Applicable

#3593 Identifying Personal Priorities for Functional Assessment Standardized Items (FASI) Needs (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS]/ The Lewin Group)

Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting

Colleen McKiernan, Lewin

Standing Committee Votes: Measure Evaluation Meetings (February 9 and 12, 2021)

- **Evidence:** H:0; M-12; L-4; I-2 (12/18—67 percent: Pass)

- **Performance Gap:** H-2; M-14; L-2; I-1 (16/19—84 percent: Pass)
- **Reliability:** H-0; M-13; L-2; I-2 (13/17—76 percent: Pass)
- **Validity:** H-0; M-11; L-6; I-0 (11/17—65 percent: Pass)
- **Feasibility:** H-0; M-10; L-7; I-0 (10/17—59 percent: Consensus Not Reached)
- **Use:** Pass-11; No Pass-6 (11/17—65 percent: Pass)
- **Usability:** H-0; M-9; L-7; I-2 (9/18—50 percent: Consensus Not Reached)
- **Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement:** Yes – 8; No – 9 (8/17—47 percent: Consensus Not Reached)

Standing Committee Votes: Post-Comment Meeting (June 1, 2021)

- **Suitability for Endorsement:** Yes – 14; No – 2

Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes

Gerri Lamb, PEF Standing Committee co-chair, introduced the measure and reminded the Standing Committee about their [previous discussion](#) on the measure, including concerns about usability and feasibility. One Standing Committee member highlighted a previous concern: Patients who do not complete the FASI or for whom a barrier prevented them from responding in detail (such as those with an intellectual or developmental disorder) are not included in the denominator. The measure developer emphasized that the populations included in measure testing reflect the breadth of people who are eligible for inclusion in the denominator. Another Standing Committee member noted one major concern: Standing Committee members felt that the FASI needs were interpretations of respondent answers rather than a direct assessment of the individual's experience. In response to this sentiment, the measure developer noted that those who calculate the FASI performance use direct quotes and person-centered language from the FASI to ensure the priorities and needs of the individuals are met. One Standing Committee member highlighted the intended use of the measure as concerning; however, NQF staff clarified that intended use is not part of the criteria and should not be taken into consideration. After receiving clarity, the Standing Committee voted through an offline survey and passed the measure on overall suitability.

NQF Member and Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Steps

The Standing Committee's recommendations to endorse #3593 *Identifying Personal Priorities for Functional Assessment Standardized Items (FASI) Needs* will be shared with the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) for endorsement review. The CSAC meeting is planned for June 29–30, 2021.

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