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Memo

March 30, 2022

To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Patient Safety Fall 2021 Draft Technical Report for Review

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Patient Safety project. The NQF Patient Safety Standing Committee makes recommendations for endorsing NQF's portfolio of structure, process, and outcome measures pertaining to patient safety. These measures have been used in various accountability and public reporting programs nationally and have led to lower rates of complications, medical errors, and mortality, among others. These measures span various settings and include measures focused on care delivered in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient clinics, and by health plans. The [Patient Safety Standing Committee](#) reviewed five measures this cycle. All five measures were recommended for endorsement.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #0689 Percent of Residents Who Lose Too Much Weight (Long Stay) (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)
- NQF #3636 Quarterly Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- NQF #3633e Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Clinician Level) (Alara Imaging/University of California, San Francisco (UCSF))
- NQF #3662e Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Clinician Group Level) (Alara Imaging/UCSF)
- NQF #3663e Excessive Radiation Dose or Inadequate Image Quality for Diagnostic Computed Tomography (CT) in Adults (Facility Level) (Alara Imaging/UCSF)

NQF Member and Public Commenting

NQF members and the public are encouraged to provide comments via the online commenting tool on the draft report as a whole, or on the specific measures evaluated by the Patient Safety Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on April 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm ET—no exceptions.