



Pediatric Measure Endorsement

BACKGROUND

The Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) accelerated interest and activity in pediatric quality measurement. CHIPRA led to the creation of a Pediatric Quality Measures Program through which seven grantee Centers of Excellence in Pediatric Quality Measurement (COEs) have been developing measures with support from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). AHRQ and CMS assigned the COEs high-priority topics for which measures needed to be refined or developed *de novo*, and years of concerted effort followed. Grant funding for the COEs concluded in 2014 and select measures resulting from their development activities are ready for review for endorsement consideration by NQF and potential use in public and private-sector programs. Other measure development in pediatric care has also been taking place elsewhere.

This project will identify and consider for NQF endorsement performance measures to address high-priority topics within child health. A specialized focus on pediatric quality measurement is driven, in part, by the increasing recognition that health and healthcare needs of children are significantly different from those of adults. In addition, health in childhood sets the stage for a lifetime of downstream health outcomes.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

A multi-stakeholder Steering Committee will be established to evaluate newly submitted measures and make recommendations for which measures should be endorsed as consensus standards. This Committee will work to identify and endorse new performance measures for accountability and quality improvement that specifically address children's health. Measures including outcomes, treatments, diagnostic studies, interventions, or procedures associated with pediatric conditions will be considered.

The Steering Committee's primary work is to evaluate the submitted measures against NQF's standard measure evaluation criteria and make recommendations for endorsement. The Committee will also:

- oversee the Pediatric Quality portfolio of measures
- identify and evaluate competing and related measures
- identify opportunities for harmonization of similar measures
- recommend measure concepts for development to address gaps in the portfolio
- provide advice or technical expertise about the subject to other committees (e.g., cross cutting committees or the Measure Applications Partnership)
- ensure input is obtained from relevant stakeholders
- review draft documents

- recommend specific measures and research priorities to NQF Members for consideration under the Consensus Development Process (CDP).

To learn more about the work of NQF's CDP Steering Committees, review our [Committee Guidebook](#).

STEERING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

This Committee will be comprised of 20-25 individuals

Participation on the Committee requires a significant time commitment.

To apply, Committee members should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings (dates below). Over the course of the Committee member's term, additional calls will be scheduled or calls may be rescheduled; new dates will be set based on the availability of the majority of the Committee. The measure review cycle runs about 7 months in length.

Committee participation includes:

- Review measure submission forms during each cycle of measure review
 - Each committee member will be assigned a portion (1-5) of the measures to fully review (approximately 1-2 hours/measure) and provide a preliminary evaluation on a workgroup call
 - Each committee member should familiarize themselves with all measures being reviewed (approximately 15-30 minutes per measure)
- Participate in the orientation call (2 hours)
- The option to attend one of two NQF staff-hosted measure evaluation Q &A calls (1 hour)
- Review measures with the full Committee by participating in one of 4 workgroup calls (2 hours); workgroup assignments will be made by area of expertise;
- Attend in-person meeting (2 full days in Washington, DC);
- Complete measure review by attending the post-meeting conference call (2 hours)
- Attend conference call following public commenting to review submitted comments (2 hours)
- Complete additional measure reviews via webinar
- Participate in additional calls as necessary
- Complete surveys and pre-meeting evaluations
- Present measures and lead discussions for the Committee on conference calls and in meeting

TABLE OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

Meeting	Date/Time
Orientation Call (2 hours)	October 21, 2:00-4:00PM EST
Measure Evaluation Q &A (Attend one of the two)	October 23, 2:00-3:00PM EST October 26, 3:00-4:00PM EST

Meeting	Date/Time
Workgroup Call (2 hours) (Attend one of the four calls. Committee members will be assigned to a workgroup based on expertise and availability.)	November 10, 2015 at 2:00-4:00PM ET November 12, 2015 at 2:00-4:00PM EST November 16, 2015 at 2:00-4:00PM EST November 18, 2015 at 2:00-4:00PM EST
In-person Meeting (2 days in Washington, DC)	December 1, 2015 from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM EST December 2, 2015 from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM EST
Post-meeting Follow-up Call (2 hours)	December 10, 2015 3:00-5:00PM EST
Post Draft Report Comment Call (2 hours)	February 26, 2016, 1:00-3:00PM EST

PREFERRED EXPERTISE & COMPOSITION

Steering Committee members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, plans, suppliers, community and public health, and healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives on committees, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated on a committee.

Nominees should possess relevant knowledge and/or proficiency in process and outcome quality measurement and/or clinical expertise in the evaluation, treatment, diagnostic studies, imaging, interventions, or procedures associated with child health across multiple care settings. NQF is seeking nominees with a variety of clinical experience, including pediatric physicians, nurses, therapists, case managers, social workers, and executives, health plans and purchasers, as well as methodologists. We also are seeking expertise in disparities and care of vulnerable populations including children with special healthcare needs.

Please review the NQF [conflict of interest policy](#) to learn about NQF's guidelines for actual or perceived conflicts of interest. All potential Steering Committee members must complete a Disclosure of Interest form during the nomination process in order to be considered for a Committee.

NQF will require Committee members who have a conflict of interest with respect to a particular measure to recuse themselves from discussion and any voting associated with those measures. A potential or current member may not be seated on a Committee if the conflict of interest is so pervasive that the member's ability to participate would be seriously limited. For purposes of this Policy, the term "conflict of interest" means any financial or other interest that could (1) significantly impede, or be perceived to impede, a potential or current member's objectivity, or (2) create an unfair competitive advantage for a person or organization associated with a potential or current Member.

CONSIDERATION & SUBSTITUTION

Priority will be given to nominations from NQF Members when nominee expertise is comparable. Please note that nominations are to an individual, not an organization, so “substitutions” of other individuals from an organization at conference calls, meetings or for voting is not permitted. Committee members are encouraged to engage colleagues and solicit input from colleagues throughout the process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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 Steering Committee, please **submit** the following information:

- a completed [online nomination form](#), including:
 - a brief statement of interest
 - a brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
 - a short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge 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*
- a completed disclosure of interest form which will be requested upon your submission of the nominations form
- confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on August 28, 2015**.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Theberge, Senior Project Manager, or Nadine Allen, Project Manager, at 202-783-1300 or PediatricPerformanceMeasures@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.