

Perinatal and Reproductive  
Health Endorsement Maintenance  
Pre-voting Webinar

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# Webinar Goals

## New process in NQF's CDP:

- Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting
- Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
  - » Measure submission requirements
  - » Maintenance of endorsed measures
  - » Endorsement of new measures
  - » Harmonization / Competing Measures

# Perinatal and Reproductive Health Endorsement Maintenance Project Purpose and Goals

This NQF project seeks to identify and endorse measures that specifically address perinatal and reproductive health for accountability and quality improvement applicable to all settings of care.

The project evaluated 19 maintenance measures (endorsed before June 2009) and 3 newly submitted measures (including one composite)

# Project Status

- 30-day member and public comment period closed on January 19, 2012
- 149 comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting runs February 13th-27th with 14 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the project page

# NQF Process

## Measure evaluation criteria

- No measures eligible for TLE –testing data for reliability and validity required
- Used new guidance for related/competing measures; struggled with “best in class”
- Harmonization

# Overarching issues

- Long-term outcomes
- Population-level companion measures
- Composite measures
- Use of vital statistics as a data source
- Related and competing measures

# Comments

149 comments from 19 member organizations and 53 organizations and individuals who are not NQF members

Themes:

- **Harmonization**
- **EHRs**
- **Level of analysis**
- **Mandatory reporting**
- **Target values**
- **Additional areas for measure development**
- **Questions/comments on specific measures**

# Recommendations

No significant changes to measures or to recommendations

- **Additional areas added to future measure development list**

Of 22 measures evaluated:

- **14 measures are recommended for new or continued endorsement**
  - » Continued endorsement of 12 measures
  - » Endorsement of 2 new measures



# Voting

**Perinatal Vote Period:  
All votes must be submitted  
electronically by 6pm ET on February 27**



# Questions?