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Memo

August 15, 2022

To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Perinatal and Women's Health Spring 2022 Measure Review Cycle

Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Perinatal and Women's Health project. A 2020 report published by the Commonwealth Fund found that while most maternal deaths are preventable, the U.S. rates for maternal deaths have continued to increase rather than decrease since 2000. Lack of access to high quality care decreases the opportunity for the identification of risk factors and mitigation of conditions that lead to poor outcomes. The review and evaluation of Perinatal and Women's Health measures continue to be a priority of the National Quality Forum (NQF), with more than a decade of endorsing measures in this topic area. At present, there are 13 NQF-endorsed Perinatal and Women's Health measures.

The Perinatal and Women's Health [Standing Committee](#) reviewed four measures. Two were recommended for endorsement, and the remaining two were recommended for trial use.

Recommended for Endorsement:

- NQF #3687e ePC-07 Severe Obstetric Complications (The Joint Commission)
- NQF #0471e ePC-02 Cesarean Birth (The Joint Commission)

Recommended for Trial Use:

- NQF #3682e SINC-Based Contraceptive Care, Postpartum (University of California, San Francisco)
- NQF #3699e SINC-Based Contraceptive Care, Non-Postpartum (University of California, San Francisco)

The Standing Committee requests comments on all measures.

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 Perinatal and Women's Health Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on September 13, 2022, at 11:59 PM ET—no exceptions.