



October 29, 2021

To: Perinatal and Women's Health Standing Committee

From: NQF staff

Re: Post-comment web meeting to discuss public comments received and NQF member expression of support has been canceled

Introduction

NQF closed the public commenting period on the measures submitted for endorsement consideration to the Perinatal and Women's Health. Since all post-evaluation comments received were in support of the Standing Committee's recommendations, NQF along with the Standing Committee co-chairs have decided to cancel the post-comment web meeting scheduled for October 29, 2021.

Comments Received

NQF solicits comments on measures undergoing review in various ways and at various times throughout the evaluation process. First, NQF solicits comments on endorsed measures on an ongoing basis through the Quality Positioning System (QPS). Second, NQF solicits member and public comments during a 16-week comment period via an online tool on the project webpage.

Pre-evaluation Comments

NQF solicits comments prior to the evaluation of the measures via an online tool on the project webpage. For this evaluation cycle, the pre-evaluation comment period was open from May 6, 2021 to June 17, 2021 for the measures under review. No comments were received during the pre-evaluation commenting period.

Post-evaluation Comments

The draft report was posted on the project webpage for public and NQF member comment on August 27, 2021 for 30 calendar days. The Standing Committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) on November 30, 2021. The CSAC will determine whether or not to uphold the Standing Committee's recommendation for each measure submitted for endorsement consideration. All Standing Committee members are encouraged to attend the CSAC meeting to listen to the discussion. During this commenting period, NQF received two comments from one member organization and 18 comments from members of the public.

Member Council	# of Member Organizations Who Commented
Provider Organization	1

NQF staff have included all comments that were received (both pre- and post-evaluation) in the comment table (excel spreadsheet) posted to the Standing Committee SharePoint site. This comment document contains the commenter's name, comment, associated measure, topic (if applicable), and—for the post-evaluation comments—responses (including measure steward/developer responses) for the Standing Committee's consideration. Since all comments received (see attached comment table) were in support of the Standing Committee's recommendations, the post-comment web meeting has been canceled. The Standing Committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the CSAC) on November 30, 2021. The CSAC will determine whether or not to uphold the Standing Committee's recommendation for each measure submitted for endorsement consideration. All Standing Committee members are encouraged to attend the CSAC meeting to listen to the discussion.

NQF Member Expression of Support

Throughout the 16-week continuous public commenting period, NQF members have the opportunity to express their support ('Support' or 'Do Not Support') for each measure to inform the Standing Committee's recommendations during the commenting period. This expression of support (or not) during the commenting period replaces the member voting opportunity that was previously held subsequent to Standing Committee deliberations. One NQF member provided their expressions of support: See [Appendix A](#).

Appendix A: NQF Member Expression of Support Results

One NQF member provided their expressions of support/nonsupport. Two of four measures under consideration received support from NQF members. Results for each measure are provided below.

NQF #2903 Contraceptive Care – Most & Moderately Effective Methods (U.S. Office of Population Affairs (OPA)/Far Harbor)

Member Council	Commenter Name, Organization	Support	Do Not Support	Total
Health Professional	Clare Coleman, National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association	1	0	0

NQF #2904 Contraceptive Care - Access to LARC (OPA/Far Harbor)

Member Council	Commenter Name, Organization	Support	Do Not Support	Total
Health Professional	Clare Coleman, National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association	1	0	0