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## Memo

**October 28, 2021**

**To:** Prevention and Population 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

National Quality Forum (NQF) closed the public commenting period on the measures submitted for endorsement consideration to the Prevention and Population Health Standing Committee. NQF did not receive any post-evaluation comments on the Standing Committee's recommendation. Since no comments were received, NQF along with the Standing Committee co-chairs have decided to cancel the post-comment web meeting scheduled for October 20, 2021.

The Standing Committee's recommendation 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 the measure submitted for endorsement consideration. All Standing Committee members are encouraged to attend the CSAC meeting to listen to the discussion.

### Standing Committee Actions

1. No actions beyond reviewing this briefing memo and draft report.

### Background

Disease prevention remains a focal component of healthcare delivery, policy development, and the assessment of care quality, access, and outcomes. The designation of "population" health indicates the ongoing priority of identifying and assessing population and community-level strategies that target disease prevention, cross-sector collaboration, health promotion, health equity, and outcomes improvement. Identifying valid and reliable measures of performance across these multiple sectors is critical to any strategy to understand and improve the health of populations.

To support this effort, NQF endorses and maintains performance measures related to Prevention and Population Health through a multistakeholder Consensus Development Process (CDP). [The Prevention and Population Health Standing Committee](#) oversees NQF's Prevention and Population Health measure portfolio. The Standing Committee evaluates newly submitted and previously endorsed measures against NQF's measure evaluation criteria, identifies portfolio gaps, provides feedback on gaps in measurement, and conducts ad hoc reviews. On July 15, 2021, The Standing Committee evaluated one newly submitted measure against NQF's standard evaluation criteria.

For this cycle, the Standing Committee recommended the following measure:

- **NQF #3620** Adult Immunization Status (National Committee for Quality Assurance)

## **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 accepts 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 to June 17, 2021, for the measure under review. There were no comments received prior to the evaluation.

### **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. During the commenting period, NQF did not receive any comments. Since no comments were received, the post-comment web meeting has been canceled.

## **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.

During the 16-week public commenting period, NQF did not receive any expressions of support for the measures under endorsement consideration for the current cycle.

## **Appendix A: NQF Member Expression of Support Results**

During the 16-week public commenting period, NQF did not receive any expressions of support for the measure under endorsement consideration for the current cycle.