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## Memo

**March 26, 2020**

**To:** NQF members

**From:** NQF staff

**Re:** Primary Care and Chronic Illness, Fall 2019 Cycle: CDP Report

### Background

This report reflects the review of measures in the Primary Care and Chronic Illness project. Measures in this portfolio target the complexity of primary care and chronic illnesses to improve diagnosis, treatment, and management of conditions. Measures in this review cycle span persistent asthma, comprehensive diabetes care, spirometry testing in the assessment and diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and management of COPD exacerbation. The consolidated measure portfolio reflects the importance of caring for chronic illness in primary care settings.

The 23-person Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee reviewed six measures. All six measures were recommended for endorsement.

### Recommended Measures:

- NQF 0059 Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%) (NCQA)
- NQF 0061 Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Blood Pressure Control (<140/90 mm Hg) (NCQA)
- NQF 0575 Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Control (<8.0%) (NCQA)
- NQF 0577 Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD (NCQA)
- NQF 1800 Asthma Medication Ratio (NCQA)
- NQF 2856 Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (NCQA)

**The Committee requests comments on all measures, but specifically for the measures where consensus was not reached.**

### 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 Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee.

**Please note that commenting concludes on May 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm ET—no exceptions.**