



March 25, 2022

To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Primary Care and Chronic Illness Fall 2021 Technical Report

Background

This report reflects the consolidated review of measures in the Primary Care and Chronic Illness, Behavioral Health and Substance Use, and Cancer projects. Measures in the Primary Care and Chronic Illness portfolio address the complexity of primary care and chronic illness to better diagnose, treat, and manage conditions. Additionally, measures under the Behavioral Health and Substance Use project address conditions of mental illness and the corresponding health screening assessments and interventions; measures under the Cancer project address genetic testing for appropriate cancer treatment. The measures in this review cycle include those that addressed days at home for patients with complex, chronic diseases; mismatch repair or microsatellite instability biomarker testing in different types of cancers; and a psychosocial screening tool that uses the pediatric symptom checklist.

The [Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee](#), including five experts from the Behavioral Health and Substance Use Standing Committee and five experts from the Cancer Standing Committee, reviewed three measures. Two were recommended for endorsement, but the remaining one was not recommended for endorsement.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #3661 Mismatch Repair (MMR) or Microsatellite Instability (MSI) Biomarker Testing Status in Colorectal Carcinoma, Endometrial, Gastroesophageal, or Small Bowel Carcinoma (College of American Pathologists)
- NQF #3332 Psychosocial Screening Using the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-Tool (PSC-Tool) (Massachusetts General Hospital)

Measures Not Recommended:

- NQF #3667 Days at Home for Patients With Complex, Chronic Conditions (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation – Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation)

The Primary Care and Chronic Illness 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 Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee.

Please note that commenting concludes on April 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM ET—no exceptions.