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To: NQF members

From: NQF staff

Re: Primary Care and Chronic Illness Spring 2022 Draft Technical 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. The measures in this review cycle focus on several clinical areas, including pediatric follow-up visits with a primary care physician following an emergency department (ED) visit for asthma, transcranial Doppler (TCD) ultrasonography screening among children with sickle cell anemia, diabetes care management, and lung cancer operative mortality and complications.

The Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee reviewed four measures during the spring 2022 cycle. All four measures were recommended for endorsement.

Recommended Measures:

- NQF #0729 Optimal Diabetes Care (Minnesota [MN] Community Measurement)
- NQF #2797 Transcranial Doppler Ultrasonography Screening Among Children With Sickle Cell Anemia (University of Michigan)
- NQF #3294 STS Lobectomy for Lung Cancer Composite Score (Society of Thoracic Surgeons [STS])
- NQF #3668 Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visits for Asthma (Albert Einstein College of Medicine/University of California, San Francisco [UCSF])

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 Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee.

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