



Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee— Post-Meeting Web Meeting

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a public web meeting for the Primary Care and Chronic Illness Standing Committee on June 26, 2018.

Welcome and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

John Bernot, NQF senior director, welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the web meeting and provided opening remarks. Hiral Dudhwala, NQF project manager, conducted a roll call of the Standing Committee and reviewed the results of the June 21 In-Person Measure Evaluation Meeting.

Discuss Related and Competing Measures

Kathryn Goodwin, NQF senior project manager, introduced the measures 0037 *Osteoporosis Testing in Older Women (OTO)*, 0046 *Screening for Osteoporosis for Women 65-85 Years of Age*, and 0053 *Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture*. Ms. Goodwin noted that although 0037 may be related/competing, since it was not recommended for endorsement, it will not be part of the discussion. Following the review of the specifications for 0046 and 0053, the Standing Committee felt that the two measures have significant differences in the measure focus and target population. As a result the measures cannot be harmonized. The Committee agreed that the two measures appropriately address different age ranges.

Ms. Goodwin then introduced 0056 *Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Foot Exam* and 0417e *Diabetic Foot & Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy – Neurological Evaluation*. Ms. Goodwin noted that 0417e was not reviewed in this current cycle and will undergo maintenance review in the upcoming fall 2018 cycle. There will be no final determinations made about harmonization until this review has been completed. However, Ms. Goodwin wanted the Committee to have some preliminary discussion on the two measures in regard to harmonization. Some Committee members felt strongly that the measures address a common measure focus and should be harmonized, while other Committee members felt that the measures fulfill different purposes and target different clinicians, and therefore should not be harmonized. One Committee member would like to see 0056 include patients with dementia as a denominator exclusion, which is already present in the specification for 0417e. Another Committee member felt that while 0417e requires an extensive lower extremity neurological examination, the member was unsure if evidence supports that clinical practice. Overall, the Committee agreed that no firm determinations can be made on harmonization of the two measures until 0417e undergoes NQF's measure evaluation maintenance review in fall 2018 cycle.

NQF Prioritization Initiative

Dr. Bernot provided an update on NQF's Prioritization Initiative and reviewed the Primary Care and Chronic Illness' scored portfolio.

The Committee applauded NQF's efforts and recognized the importance of prioritizing measures. The Committee felt that there has been a proliferation of measures within the past few years. A Committee member highlighted that CMS is also developing a similar initiative, Meaningful Measures. NQF is aware of CMS' work and collaborates with CMS to align initiatives to the extent possible.

Committee members also noted that there is potential to apply the prioritization criteria and algorithm to the harmonization process during NQF's measure evaluation review. NQF plans to present the NQF Prioritization Initiative at NQF's Annual Conference in March 2019.

Following the conclusion of the web meeting, NQF staff will send a survey to the Committee to collect additional feedback.

Public Comment

Madison Jung, NQF project manager, opened the web meeting to allow for public comment. No public comments were offered.

Next Steps

NQF will post the draft technical report on July 31, 2018 for a 30-day comment period. The continuous public comment with member support will close on August 29, 2018. NQF will re-convene the Standing Committee for the post-comment web meeting on September 19, 2018.