

Pulmonary and Critical Care
Endorsement Maintenance
Pre-voting Webinar

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Webinar Goals

New process in NQF's CDP:

- Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting
- Provides information about requirements of developers and Steering Committees:
 - » Measure submission requirements
 - » Maintenance of endorsed measures
 - » Endorsement of new measures
 - » Harmonization / Competing Measures

Pulmonary and Critical Care Endorsement Maintenance Project Purpose and Goals

This NQF project seeks to identify and endorse measures that could be used in accountability and public reporting in the following topic areas for adults and children in all settings of care: asthma; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); pneumonia; dyspnea; pneumonia; and intensive/critical care.

The project evaluated 28 maintenance measures and 8 newly submitted measures.

Recommendations

Of measures evaluated:

- **22 measures are recommended for new or continued endorsement**
 - » Continued endorsement of 17 measures
 - » Endorsement of 5 new measures
 - » Separate voting period for 3 remaining measures due to follow-up actions resulting from commenting period

Project Status

- 30-day member and public comment period closed on June 5, 2012
- 139 comments have been addressed by developers and Steering Committee
- Voting period open from June 26 – July 10 with 22 measures recommended for endorsement
- Draft report and comment table available on the project page

NQF Process

Measure evaluation criteria

- No measures eligible for TLE –testing data for reliability and validity required
- Used new guidance for related/competing measures; struggled with “best in class”
- Harmonization

Overarching Issues

- Incomplete titles and descriptions
- Evidence and guidelines
- Data on performance and disparities
- Asthma vs. COPD
- Reserve status
- Complex proprietary issues

Comment Themes

- Parsimony
- Lack of Support for Recommended Measures
- Requests for Reconsideration of Measures not Recommended
- Related and Competing Measures
- Outcome measures
- Questions on specifications or coding
- Reserve status
- Various measure-specific comments that may warrant Committee consideration

Voting

Pulmonary and Critical Care Vote Period:

**All votes must be submitted
electronically by 6pm ET on July 10**

Pulmonary and Critical Care Endorsement Maintenance: NQF Member Voting Period

Questions?