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# Renal Fall 2019 Measure Review Cycle

## Post-Comment Standing Committee Meeting

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# Welcome



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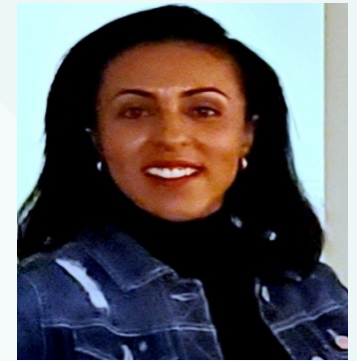
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## Agenda

- Attendance
- Review and Discuss Public Comments
- NQF Member and Public Comment
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

# Attendance

## Renal Fall 2019 Cycle Standing Committee

- Constance Anderson, BSN, MBA (Co-Chair)
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# **Review and Discuss Public Comments**



## 2979 Standardized Transfusion Ratio for Dialysis Facilities

- **Measure Steward:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
  - ▣ Maintenance
- **Brief Description of Measure:**
  - ▣ The risk-adjusted facility-level transfusion ratio “STrR” is specified for all adult dialysis patients. It is a ratio of the number of eligible red blood cell transfusion events observed in patients dialyzing at a facility, to the number of eligible transfusion events that would be expected under a national norm, after accounting for the patient characteristics within each facility. Eligible transfusions are those that do not have any claims pertaining to the comorbidities identified for exclusion, in the one-year look back period prior to each observation window.
- **Criteria where consensus was not reached:** None

## ■ **Concerns:**

- The committee were satisfied with the evidence and performance gap demonstrated in the analysis.
- The committee was concerned about excluding Medicare Advantage patients due to incomplete claims data, as this group have been increasingly represented in the population of patients receiving dialysis. Without full claims data, the developer stated it is impossible to accurately risk adjust the measure results or capture of transfusion events and exclusions would be incomplete, threatening the validity of the measure.
- The committee was satisfied with the reliability and validity of the measure and didn't express any concerns about the feasibility, use and usability.

## ■ **Summary of Comments Received:** One comment received

- Commenter expressed several concerns related to attribution, noting that dialysis facilities do not have adequate control over the circumstances that dictate when and if a transfusion occurs. Commenter notes that while dialysis facilities have some ability to influence anemia, they suggest that other measures would be more appropriate to capture this. Commenter suggests that this would be more appropriate to attribute to hospitals.

# **NQF Member and Public Comment**

# Next Steps



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# Activities and Timeline – Fall 2019 Cycle

\*All times ET

Meeting	Date, Time
CSAC Review	November 17-18, 2020
Appeals Period (30 days)	TBD



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