



TO: Executive Committee  
FR: Helen Burstin, Chief Scientific Officer  
Marcia Wilson, Senior Vice President, Quality Measurement  
RE: Ratification of Measures for the Renal Project 2015-2017  
DA: November 21, 2016

### ACTION REQUIRED

The Executive Committee is asked to ratify the Consensus Standards Approval Committee's (CSAC) recommendation to endorse measures for the current phase of the Renal Project. All recommended measures approved by the membership and the CSAC are listed below.

#### Measures Evaluated:

The [Renal Standing Committee](#) evaluated six measures: three new measures and three measures undergoing maintenance review against NQF's standard measure evaluation criteria.

#### *Consensus Process*

Standing Committee: The Committee recommended five measures and one measure was not recommended for endorsement.

Member Voting: A total of five member organizations voted on the measures. All of the recommended measures were approved, with 60% approval or higher. No votes were received from the Consumer, Health Plan, Public/Community Health Agency, and Supplier/Industry Councils.

CSAC: The CSAC voted to recommend five measures for endorsement. The CSAC memo and Member voting results for this project may be accessed at this [link](#); the project report may be accessed at this [link](#).

#### *Measures Recommended:*

- [0369: Standardized Mortality Ratio for Dialysis Facilities](#) Risk-adjusted standardized mortality ratio for dialysis facility patients.
- [1463: Standardized Hospitalization Ratio for Admissions](#) Risk-adjusted standardized hospitalization ratio for admissions for dialysis facility patients.
- [2977: Hemodialysis Vascular Access: Standardized Fistula Rate](#) Adjusted percentage of adult hemodialysis patient-months using an autogenous arteriovenous fistula (AVF) as the sole means of vascular access.
- [2978: Hemodialysis Vascular Access: Long-term Catheter Rate](#) Percentage of adult hemodialysis patient-months using a catheter continuously for three months or longer for vascular access.

- [2979](#): **Standardized Transfusion Ratio for Dialysis Facilities** The 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.

*Measure Not Recommended:*

- [0260](#): **Assessment of Health-related Quality of Life in Dialysis Patients** Percentage of dialysis patients who receive a quality of life assessment using the KDQOL-36 (36-question survey that assesses patients' functioning and well-being) at least once per year.