



## Performance Measurement for Rural Low-Volume Providers: Rural Health Committee In-Person Meeting

February 5-6, 2015

NQF Conference Center at 1030 15th Street NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC

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### Meeting Objectives:

- Finalize a consensus set of measurement challenges for Committee discussion
- Make recommendations regarding measures appropriate for use in CMS pay-for-performance programs for rural hospitals and clinicians
- Make recommendations to help mitigate measurement challenges, including low-case volume
- Identify measurement gaps for rural hospitals and clinicians

### Day 1: Thursday, February 5, 2015

**8:30 am**      **Breakfast**

**9:00 am**      **Welcome and Review of Meeting and Project Objectives**

*Kelly Court, Co-Chair*

*Ira Moscovice, Co-Chair*

*Karen Johnson, Senior Director, NQF*

*Martin Rice, HRSA*

**9:15 am**      **Introductions and Disclosures of Interest**

*Ann Hammersmith, General Counsel, NQF*

- 9:30 am**      **Setting the Stage**
- Project overview
  - Insights from environmental scan
  - Recap of CMS P4P programs for hospitals and clinicians
  - Overview of settings of interest
- Mitra Ghazinour, Project Manager, NQF*  
*Karen Johnson, Senior Director, NQF*  
*Selected Committee members*
- 10:30 am**      **Break**
- 10:40 am**      **Discussion of Overarching Measurement Challenges**  
*Facilitator: Kelly Court, Co-Chair*
- 11:30 am**      **Discussion of Potential Solutions: Low Case-Volume**  
*Facilitator: Ira Moscovice, Co-Chair*
- 12:50 pm**      **Opportunity for Public Comment**
- 1:00 pm**      **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm**      **Discussion of Potential Solutions: Other Overarching Challenges**  
*Facilitator: Kelly Court, Co-Chair*
- Final list of challenges TBD, based on pre-work and morning discussion; may include:
    - Level of analysis
    - Risk-adjustment
    - Cost/resource use measurement
    - Attribution
    - Measurement gaps
- 3:00 pm**      **Break**
- 3:15 pm**      **Break-out groups (if needed): Discussion of potential hospital- and clinician-specific solutions**  
*Facilitator: Mitra Ghazinour, Project Manager, NQF*  
*Facilitator: Karen Johnson, Senior Director, NQF*
- Challenges TBD, based on pre-work and morning discussion; may include:
    - Service mix differences
    - Measure selection
    - Data collection
    - Level of analysis
    - Peer-group identification
    - Measurement gaps
- 4:15 pm**      **Report out from Break-out groups**  
*Facilitator: Ira Moscovice, Co-Chair*
- 5:15 pm**      **Opportunity for Public Comment**

**5:30 pm**      **Summary of Day and Adjourn**  
*Facilitator: Kelly Court, Co-Chair*

**Day 2: Friday, February 6, 2015**

**7:30 am**      **Breakfast**

**8:00 am**      **Review Recommendations from Day 1**  
*Facilitator: Kelly Court, Co-Chair*

**8:15 am**      **Discussion of Potential Solutions: Additional Challenges**  
*Facilitator: Ira Moscovice, Co-Chair*

- Challenges TBD, based on pre-work and Day 1 discussions; may include:
  - Program design
  - Use of measure results by various end-users

**10:00 am**      **Break**

**10:15 am**      **Identify Additional Recommendations**  
*Facilitator: Kelly Court, Co-Chair*

- Discussion of more general rural issues and potential recommendations

**12:00 pm**      **Lunch**

**12:45 pm**      **Round-Robin: Reflections on Recommendations and Future Work**  
*Facilitator: Karen Johnson, Senior Director, NQF*

**1:30 pm**      **Opportunity for Public Comment**

**1:45 pm**      **Wrap Up/Next Steps**  
*Mitra Ghazinour, Project Manager, NQF*

**2:00 pm**      **Adjourn**