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**To:** State Reporting Managers  
**From:** Eric Colchamiro, National Quality Forum  
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**Re:** Review of State-Based Reporting Survey

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Following the June 28<sup>th</sup> conference call, state reporting managers were emailed for future call topics. After compiling an index of these suggestions, NQF staff surveyed this group to assess topic preferences. Participation was high: 24 individuals representing 21 states completed the survey.

Participants were asked to assess a value (1-5, with 5 being most interest) to the topics. Those in bold received the highest average ratings across the 24 respondents:

- **Safety Measurement - how can states effectively use measures to report out data (4.21)**
- **Auditing & Data Validation - how can states know whether events are being captured? (4.09)**
- **Developing Standard Definitions for Event Reporting (4)**
- **Role for Consumers (3.78)**
- **HAI Action Plans (3.67)**
- Patient Safety Organizations (3.30)
- Serious Reportable Events (3.48)
- Root Cause Analysis (2.88)

The survey included an opportunity to submit other suggestions; those received included: measure harmonization and the development of a common index of quality measures (from CMS, HHS, NQF, and TJC) - from two individuals; federal standards, and whether benchmarks for adverse events can be developed; legislative efforts to amend event reporting statutes; and culture of safety measures.

These survey results will be used to generate an agenda and discussion items for the next call of this group, on Monday, September 13, 2010.