

# Call for Organizational Nominations: National Priorities Partnership

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for organizations to sit on the National Priorities Partnership (NPP) in an effort to ensure optimal stakeholder balance.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The National Priorities Partnership ([www.nationalprioritiespartnership.org](http://www.nationalprioritiespartnership.org)) is a collaborative effort of major national organizations that collectively influence every part of the healthcare system. Convened by NQF to address the challenges of our healthcare system, the [Partners](#) represent multiple stakeholders, including – among others – consumer groups, employers, government, health plans, healthcare organizations, healthcare professionals, scientists, accrediting and certifying bodies, and quality alliances. In November 2008, NPP released its report [National Priorities and Goals: Aligning Our Efforts to Transform America's Healthcare](#), which detailed six National Priorities and corresponding goals for national action:

- patient and family engagement,
- population health,
- safety,
- care coordination,
- palliative and end-of-life care, and
- overuse.

NPP was launched in 2007 as a collaborative effort that would be reevaluated in three years. As NPP enters its third year, it is important to open nominations to ensure that the appropriate and necessary stakeholder perspectives are represented and that there is adequate balance among them.

## **COMMITMENT AND EXPECTATIONS:**

NPP Partner organizations are well respected and serve not only as leaders in shaping the priorities, but also as role models in implementing them. The expectations for Partner organizations are therefore high, and the workload for the individuals who represent them at the NPP table is intense.

Individuals representing the organizations selected for the National Priorities Partnership are expected to:

- **Be willing to work collaboratively** with the broad set of stakeholder groups that comprise the National Priorities Partnership, as well as within the governance and committee structure of NQF.
- **Advocate for the National Priorities** by encouraging the application of the National Priorities and the attainment of the goals for performance measurement

and improvement, by seeking opportunities to communicate about the National Priorities and their own organization's role in achieving them, and by promoting the use of endorsed national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance.

- **Demonstrate commitment to the National Priorities and Goals** by taking action – to the extent possible – within their organizations to implement strategies for effecting necessary changes.
- **Share a strong commitment to performance measurement and public reporting** activities that are core to NQF's mission.

NPP Partners will participate in quarterly meetings and serve as leads or members of NPP workgroups, depending on interest and area of expertise. Partners are expected to participate in workgroup calls and provide strategic guidance to the ongoing efforts of the workgroups. This task will be ongoing, with no definitive end date.

#### **CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Organizations selected for representation in NPP will augment the knowledge and expertise of the current Partners to ensure broad stakeholder representation and provide technical knowledge and implementation support. They will demonstrate understanding and support of the National Priorities and Goals and advocate for further alignment of their organization's work with NPP.

#### **MATERIAL TO SUBMIT:**

Nominations are accepted for organizations, not individuals. To nominate an organization, the current president/CEO should submit the following information:

- Completed [nomination form](#) and
- Letter of interest, highlighting relevant organizational expertise, contributions to NPP to date, and opportunities for future alignment.
- Optional: Organizations may submit up to three relevant letters of support.

Materials should be submitted only via e-mail to [priorities@qualityforum.org](mailto:priorities@qualityforum.org).

#### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

All nominations **MUST** be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Thursday, May 20, 2010**.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

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