



## Call for Nominations: Measure Applications Partnership

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is seeking nominations for organizations and individual subject matter experts to serve on the [Measure Applications Partnership](#) (MAP). MAP is a public-private partnership convened by NQF to provide input to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the selection of performance measures for public reporting and performance-based payment programs. This unique collaboration fulfills a statutory requirement to convene multi-stakeholder groups to:

- Identify the best available performance measures for use in specific applications;
- Provide input to HHS on measures for use in public reporting, performance-based payment, and other programs; and
- Encourage alignment of public- and private-sector performance measurement efforts.

NQF seeks a range of expertise on MAP to ensure that diverse stakeholder perspectives<sup>1</sup> are represented across settings and populations<sup>2</sup>. In particular, there is a need for patient and consumer representatives and individuals with content expertise in health care delivery models (e.g., accountable care organizations), maternal and child health, population health, and health economics. For information on commitments and expectations of MAP members, please see Appendix A.

### Materials to Submit

Nominations are sought for organizations and individual subject matter experts. Nominations for individual subject matter experts may be self-nominations or may be nominations submitted by a third party. Organizations and individual subject matter experts will serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. For information on criteria for selection of organizations and individual subject matter experts, please see Appendix B.

Nomination materials should be submitted via the [NQF Committee Nominations](#) webpage. To nominate an organization, an executive of that organization should submit the following information:

- Completed nomination form via [NQF Committee Nominations](#) (select **Nominate an Organization**); and
- Optional: up to three relevant letters of support.

To nominate an individual subject matter expert, nominators or self-nominators should submit:

- Completed nomination form via [NQF Committee Nominations](#) (select **Nominate an Individual**);
- 100-word biography;

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<sup>1</sup> For example, including but not limited to: consumers, businesses and purchasers, labor, health plans, clinicians and providers, communities and states, and suppliers.

<sup>2</sup> For example, including but not limited to: ambulatory care, hospitals, post-acute long-term care facilities, and those serving dual eligible populations.

- Curriculum vitae (maximum of 20 pages); and
- Disclosure of interest form (will be forwarded to nominee via [nominations@qualityforum.org](mailto:nominations@qualityforum.org) upon confirmation of nomination).

**Deadline for Submission:** All nominations MUST be submitted by **March 10th at 6:00 PM Eastern.**

### Questions

If you have questions about the nominations process, please contact Connie Bach at [nominations@qualityforum.org](mailto:nominations@qualityforum.org).

If you have questions about MAP, please contact Rachel Weissburg at 202-478-9323 or [measureapplications@qualityforum.org](mailto:measureapplications@qualityforum.org).

## Appendix A: Commitment and Expectations

Organizations and individual subject matter experts selected will serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

Organizations and individuals selected should be capable of and committed to meeting the following MAP member responsibilities:

- **Strong commitment to advancing the performance measurement and accountability purposes of MAP.**
- **Willingness to work collaboratively with other MAP members, respect differing views, and reach agreement on recommendations.** Input should not be limited to specific interests; though sharing of interests is expected. Impact of decisions on all healthcare populations should be considered. Input should be analysis and solution-oriented – not reactionary.
- **Ability to volunteer time and expertise as necessary to accomplish the work of MAP, including meeting preparation, attendance and active participation at meetings, completion of assignments, and service on task forces and ad hoc groups.**
- **Organizational MAP members will be responsible for identifying an individual to represent them.**
- **Commitment to attending meetings.** Individual subject matter experts selected for MAP membership will not be allowed to send substitutes to meetings. Organizational representatives may request to send a substitute in exceptional circumstances and with advance notice. If an organizational representative is repeatedly absent, the chair may ask the organization to designate a different representative.
- **Demonstration of respect for the MAP decision-making process by not making public statements about issues under consideration until MAP has completed its deliberations.**
- **Acceptance of the MAP conflict of interest policy.** Members will be required to publicly disclose their interests and any changes in their interests over time.

## Appendix B: Criteria for Consideration

### Criteria for organizations

- **Organizations selected for MAP should represent leading stakeholder groups affected by the use of quality measures.** The ACA definition of multi-stakeholder group indicates that affected organizations and broad groups of stakeholders should be represented.
- **Organizational MAP members should have structures and processes for setting policy and communicating with their constituencies.** Organizations should have a governance structure and have demonstrated success in representing the interests of their constituencies through collaborative policy development and effective communication of their positions.
- **Organizational MAP members should contribute to a balance of stakeholder interests.** Important interests to consider include: consumers, purchasers, providers, professionals, health plans, public/community health agencies, suppliers/industry, and quality measurement experts/researchers.
- **Federal government agencies affected by the use of quality measures should be organizational MAP members.** Federal agencies are important stakeholders, but government officials typically do not vote on recommendations to the government, so Federal officials will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.
- **The majority of MAP members should be organizations.**

### Criteria for individual subject matter experts

- **Individual MAP members should be subject matter experts in a relevant field,** such as quality measurement, public reporting, or performance-based payment. Expertise is also sought in specific fields outlined in the call for nominations.
- **Individual MAP members' inherent interests should be considered in balancing stakeholder interests,** even though they are not sitting as organizational representatives. Individual subject matter experts are subject to scrutiny for potential financial conflicts of interest.

### Criteria for both organizations and individual subject matter experts

- **Members should contribute to the diversity of MAP.** For organizational members, the organization itself may represent the interests of a vulnerable population. In addition, organizational members' representatives and individual members should contribute to the diversity of MAP, whenever possible. Aspects of diversity to consider include race, ethnicity, gender, geographic area (region of the country, urban/rural, and communities), and representation of life stages (i.e., child, maternal, adult, and senior health).
- **Organizational MAP members, as well as individual subject matter experts, should have demonstrated involvement and experience in quality measurement (e.g., development, endorsement, implementation, validation, and methodological issues), public reporting, and performance-based payment.** Such involvement and experience is relevant to determining an organization's interest in MAP's purpose.