



MAP Spring Update

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Opportunities to Enhance MAP Pre-Rulemaking

NQF met with CMS to discuss opportunities to improve the pre-rulemaking process informed by feedback received from MAP members. Topics explored included: improving the content and format of the list of measures under consideration for future federal rulemaking; identifying ways to more proactively engage stakeholders in the pre-rulemaking process (e.g., early public comment and other feedback loops); and furthering collaboration between CMS and NQF to support workgroup deliberations. Over the next several months, NQF staff will move to execute on these enhancements to the pre-rulemaking process and will keep MAP members abreast on ways to remain involved.

Assessing Progress on Measure Gaps, Alignment, and Impact

NQF is exploring ways to be more responsive to MAP members' requests for information on progress toward filling measure gaps and promoting alignment. MAP members also recommended consolidating information on measures under consideration in a more systematic way to help them better address the question of potential impact when recommending use of specific measures in federal programs. NQF is undertaking an effort to make our internal processes more efficient, and part of this work will focus on capture and flow of information about measures. For example, it will be essential to more closely integrate available information about measures under consideration with feedback and insight gained on any of these measures that went through the NQF endorsement process. In addition, a logic model that MAP members drafted last year to assist with the assessment of potential impact of measures will be refined this summer. Preliminary outcomes of this work are anticipated to be shared with MAP in early fall.

MAP Families of Measures Task Force Activities

The [MAP Population Health Task Force](#) convened by **web meeting on March 11** and will be convening an **in-person meeting on April 9** to define a population health family of measures. This family will examine the nexus between healthcare and public health, including social, environmental, and behavioral determinants of health, health improvement activities, and health outcomes. The work is also part of a broader effort on population health across NQF, including: a [Population Health Framework](#) project involving multi-stakeholder development of an Action Guide to assist communities desiring to improve population health; and a Consensus Development Project to review and potentially endorse [measures](#) focused on health and well-being. Together these projects address the identification, selection, and application of measures related to population health, with many opportunities for synergy and expanding the role of NQF in this important area.

The [MAP Person- and Family-Centered Care Task Force](#) convened by **web meeting on March 26** and will meet at an **in-person meeting on May 12** to define a person- and family-centered care family of

measures. This family of measures will focus on the measurement areas that support person- and family-centered care such as co-developing treatment goals and longitudinal plans of care, evaluating patient and family experience of care, and assessing ability to self-manage. This initiative will complement other multi-stakeholders efforts at NQF that aim to promote person- and family-centered care including: [Prioritizing Measure Gaps: Person-Centered Care and Outcomes](#), which will develop an ideal person- and family-centered care framework and make short- and intermediate recommendations to measure performance and progress on ideal person- and family-centered care; and the [Person- and Family-Centered Care endorsement project](#) that will review and endorse measures focused on person and family centered care and the outcomes of particular interest to patients, including health-related quality of life, functional status, and experience with care.

The [MAP Affordability Task Force](#) will be convening an **in-person meeting on May 7-8** to define an affordability family of measures. The Affordability Taskforce previously convened via web meeting on November 14, 2013 and again on February 19, 2014 informed by an [affordability briefing paper](#) to identify high-leverage opportunities for measurement. The Affordability Family of Measures will be focusing on promoting affordability by reducing waste, overuse, and inefficiencies across the healthcare system using the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Healthcare Imperative* as a guide. The IOM noted that six factors contributing to excess healthcare costs – unnecessary services, inefficiently delivered services, excess administration costs, prices that are too high, missed prevention opportunities, and fraud – account for approximately \$750 billion in spending.

The work of the MAP Affordability Taskforce is part of a suite of NQF efforts to address affordability. The [Cost and Resource Use Endorsement project](#) will focus on cardiovascular and pulmonary conditions. The [Linking Cost and Quality project](#), funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), will analyze current approaches to measuring efficiency and recommend methodological approaches, including trade-offs, to combining cost and quality. The [Measuring Affordable Care project](#), also funded by RWJF, will review what types of cost measures are most important to consumers, identify the factors that influence a consumer's perception of whether care is affordable, and recommend ways this information can be reported to address consumer needs across the continuum of care. Finally, the [Episode Grouper Evaluation Criteria](#) defined the characteristics of an episode grouper versus other measurement systems, including classification or risk adjustment systems and developed a strategy for evaluating episode groupers.

The draft recommendations for the population health, person- and family-centered families and affordability families of measures will be available for public comment in June and the **final report will be submitted to HHS by July 1, 2014.**

MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup and Medicaid Task Force Activities

The latest [Interim Report from the MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup](#) was published on February 28. The report describes the creation of a Family of Measures for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries and measurement issues surrounding quality of life outcomes. MAP is continuing its exploration of performance measures to suit the unique needs of the dual eligible beneficiary population throughout the spring and summer months, having convened by **web meeting on March 17** and convening an **in-person meeting on April 10-11**. The meetings will focus on activities to fill high-priority gaps in

performance measurement and support positive quality of life outcomes. The report will be available for public comment in June and the **final report will be submitted to HHS in August 2014.**

MAP will convene the [Medicaid Task Force](#) to provide input to HHS on ways to revise, strengthen and improve the Medicaid Adult Core Set of measures. The Task Force will convene by web meeting on **April 28** and an **in-person meeting on June 5-6**. States have just completed their first year of reporting quality data on adults enrolled in Medicaid to CMS; MAP will review this experience, consider issues of alignment, feasibility, and measure gaps, and make recommendations to inform HHS' annual updates to the measure set. The report will be available for public comment in July and the **final report will be submitted to HHS in August 2014.**

MAP's work on measures for these vulnerable beneficiaries is coordinating with other efforts across NQF related to advancing the National Quality Strategy, person- and family-centered care, and accelerating progress in filling measure gaps.

Upcoming MAP Events

MAP Group	Meeting Type and Date
MAP Population Health Task Force	In-Person Meeting: April 9, 2014
MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup	In-Person Meeting: April 10-11, 2014
MAP Medicaid Task Force	Web Meeting: April 28, 2014 In-Person Meeting: June 5-6, 2014
MAP Affordability Task Force	In-Person Meeting: May 7-8, 2014
MAP Person- and Family-Centered Care Task Force	In-Person Meeting: May 12, 2014
MAP Coordinating Committee	Web Meeting #1: June 20, 2014 Web Meeting #2: July 18, 2014