



MAP Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting
August 29, 2013 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a web meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Clinician Workgroup on Thursday, August 29, 2013. An online archive of the meeting is available by clicking [here](#).

Workgroup Member Attendance

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| Mark McClellan (Chair) | Kate Goodrich, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services |
| Bruce Auerbach, American College of Emergency Physicians | Rachel Grob, Center for Patient Partnerships |
| Beth Averbeck, Minnesota Community Measurement | David Hopkins, Pacific Business Group on Health |
| Peter Briss, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Robert Krughoff, Consumers' CHECKBOOK |
| Paul Casale, American College of Cardiology | Cynthia Pellegrini, March of Dimes |
| Ian Corbridge, Health Resources and Services Administration | David Seidenwurm, American College of Radiology |
| Amy Compton-Phillips, Kaiser Permanente | Ronald Stock [subject matter expert: team-based care] |
| Constance Dahlin [subject matter expert: palliative care] | Mary Wheatley, Association of American Medical Colleges (substitute for Joanne Conroy) |
| Cheryl DeMars, The Alliance | Eric Whitacre [subject matter expert: surgical care] |
| David Ferriss, CIGNA | Dolores Yanagihara [subject matter expert: measure methodologist] |
| Darryl Gray, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality | |

Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Session led by Mark McClellan, Workgroup Chair. Additional presentation by Aisha Pittman, Senior Director, NQF.

- Dr. McClellan welcomed the group, introduced new organizational representatives and workgroup members, and reviewed the following meeting objectives:
 - Provide input on currently finalized measures for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and

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- Consider whether the currently finalized PQRS measures should also be used for Physician Compare and the Value-Based Payment Modifier.
- Ms. Pittman then discussed how the advance review of finalized measures will create efficiencies for the December pre-rulemaking activities.

Revisit Clinician Workgroup Guiding Principles

Session led by Mark McClellan. Additional presentation by Aisha Pittman.

- Ms. Pittman reviewed the MAP Clinician Guiding Principles for applying measures to clinician programs.
- The MAP Clinician Workgroup developed the principles to serve as guidance for applying performance measures to specific clinician measurement programs. The principles are intended to complement program-specific statutory and regulatory requirements and the MAP Measure Selection Criteria.

Input on Finalized Measures for the Physician Quality Reporting System and Measures for Inclusion in Physician Compare and the Value-Based Payment Modifier

Session led by Mark McClellan. Additional presentations by Mitra Ghazinour, Project Manager, NQF, and Amaru Sanchez, Project Analyst, NQF.

- Ms. Ghazinour and Mr. Sanchez reviewed and discussed the results of the pre-meeting exercise—a review of currently finalized PQRS measures in the areas of cardiovascular conditions, endocrine, renal, neurology, and behavioral health.
- A measure chart with the preliminary recommendations for each measure reviewed can be found on the [MAP Clinician Workgroup web page](#). These preliminary recommendations will inform deliberations during the December pre-rulemaking meeting.
- In reviewing measures, the workgroup members again emphasized the need for composite measures that can be drilled down to provide specific measure results, and outcome measures or process measures that are proximal to outcomes.
- The workgroup noted that performance information (i.e., measure results) is needed to enhance the groups' decision making.
- To ensure alignment between public and private sector measurement efforts, the workgroup has expressed a preference for measures used in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programs; the workgroup noted that measures used in MOC programs are usually not endorsed and should be submitted for NQF endorsement.
- Finally, the workgroup was cautious about recommending measures for removal to ensure that removing measures will not inhibit the participation of specialty providers.
- The workgroup identified several measurements gaps, including, but not limited to, stroke outcome measures addressing functional status and care coordination, and measures addressing dementia, gestational diabetes, and patient experience of care.

Next Steps/Process Improvements

Session led by Mark McClellan.

- The meeting concluded with a discussion of ways to improve the review of the currently finalized measure set. The workgroup requested more lead-time to complete the pre-meeting exercise and suggested enhancements to how measures are presented in Excel tables.
- The upcoming MAP Clinician Workgroup meetings are:
 - October TBD – Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting to review additional currently finalized PQRS measures
 - November 19 – Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting to kick-off the pre-rulemaking process and review additional currently finalized PQRS measures
 - December 4 – All MAP Web Meeting to review list of measures under consideration
 - December 18-19 – Clinician Workgroup In-Person Meeting to develop pre-rulemaking input to the MAP Coordinating Committee