



## MAP Clinician Workgroup Web Meeting November 13, 2012

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A web meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Clinician Workgroup was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. The primary objectives of the meeting were to:

- Orient to MAP 2013 pre-rulemaking approach,
- Discuss how MAP's first-year work contributes to 2013 pre-rulemaking input,
- Review each program likely to be considered by the Clinician Workgroup, and
- Identify additional information sources to enhance MAP's decision-making.

An [online archive](#) of the web meeting is available.

### Workgroup Members in Attendance at the November 13, 2012 Meeting:

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| <b>Mark McClellan, Chair</b>  |  |
| Beth Averbeck, Minnesota Community Measurement  | Bruce Bagley, American Academy of Family Physicians                  |
| Peter Briss, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention                                   | Janet Brown, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association            |
| Paul Casale, American College of Cardiology   | Kate Goodrich, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services              |
| Rachel Grob, Center for Patient Partnerships  | David Hopkins, Pacific Business Group on Health                      |
| Robert Krughoff, Consumers' CHECKBOOK   | Mark Metersky, Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement      |
| Eugene Nelson<br>[subject matter expert: Population Health]                               | David Seidenwurm, American College of Radiology                      |
| Karen Sepucha<br>[subject matter expert: Shared Decision-Making]                          | Ronald Stock<br>[subject matter expert: Team-Based Care]             |
| Mary Wheatley (substitute for Joanne Conroy),<br>Association of American Medical Colleges | Dolores Yanagihara<br>[subject matter expert: Measure Methodologist] |

## MAP Background and Strategy

*Session led by Mark McClellan, Clinician Workgroup Chair, and Tom Valuck, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Partnerships, NQF.*

- Dr. McClellan welcomed the workgroup and reviewed the meeting objectives.
- Dr. Valuck reviewed MAP's statutory authority, structure, and recently-released three year [Strategic Plan](#) (2012-2015). He emphasized the importance of feedback loops that are built into MAP's structure and work.

## MAP Pre-Rulemaking Approach

*Session led by Aisha Pittman, Senior Program Director, Strategic Partnerships, NQF.*

- Ms. Pittman reviewed the four-step pre-rulemaking approach for 2013:
  - Building on MAP's prior recommendations,
  - Evaluating each finalized program measure set using MAP's Measure Selection Criteria,
  - Evaluating measures under consideration for what they would add to the program measure sets, and
  - Identifying and prioritizing gaps for programs and settings.
- Ms. Pittman also explained new aspects of pre-rulemaking this year, such as the role that MAP's families of measures and core measure sets will play, as well as more specific rationale regarding MAP's decisions on each measure.

## Evaluating Program Measure Sets

*Session led by Aisha Pittman. Additional presentations by Mitra Ghazinour, Project Manager, Strategic Partnerships, NQF; Kathryn Streeter, Project Manager, Performances Measures, NQF; and Amaru. Sanchez, Project Analyst, Strategic Partnerships, NQF.*

- Aisha Pittman and additional NQF program staff provided an overview of the five federal programs that the Clinician Workgroup will likely review during the 2013 pre-rulemaking process.
- NQF staff reviewed information that will be made available to the workgroup members prior the in-person meetings to assist them in their evaluations, such as program summary sheets and any relevant information regarding HHS' uptake of MAP's 2012 recommendations.

## Evaluating Measures Under Consideration

*Session led by Allen Leavens, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, NQF.*

- Dr. Leavens provided information about this year's process for evaluating the measures under consideration.
- He reviewed the sample discussion guides that will be used, and also explained how information about performance and measure use will be incorporated into materials to inform MAP discussion.

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### Public Comment

*Session led by Mark McClellan*

- A commenter asked how cost measures will be handled. Ms. Pittman discussed that due to the limited availability of NQF-endorsed cost and resource use measures, the Clinician Workgroup's input will likely focus on measures needed to adequately address cost within clinician programs.

### Wrap Up and Next Steps

*Session led by Mark McClellan*

- Members will be engaging in a follow-up exercise to prepare for the December 10-11 in-person meeting.
- Members were provided with dates of future MAP pre-rulemaking activities, including:
  - All MAP Web Meeting to be held December 4.
  - Workgroup In-Person Meeting to be held December 10-11 in Washington, DC.