



Measure Applications Partnership Coordinating Committee In-Person Meeting

October 3, 2013

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened an in-person meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Coordinating Committee on Thursday, October 3, 2013. An online archive of the meeting is available by clicking [here](#).

Committee Member Attendance

Please see attachment for the list of members in attendance.

Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Session led by George Isham and Beth McGlynn, MAP Coordinating Committee Co-Chairs.

- Dr. Isham and Dr. McGlynn welcomed the group to the meeting and reviewed the meeting objectives.
 - Review uptake of MAP pre-rulemaking recommendations and MAP Ad Hoc Review experience
 - Finalize refinements to the MAP Measure Selection Criteria
 - Finalize approach for assessing potential impact of measures under consideration
 - Finalize recommendations to HHS on the Adult Medicaid Initial Core Set of Measures
 - Review integrated approach to identifying the MAP Affordability Family of Measures
 - Review approach for assessing the Health Information Exchange Quality Rating System

Progress Toward Alignment

Session led by George Isham. Presentations by Christine Cassel, NQF; Kate Goodrich, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Gerry Shea, Buying Value; George Isham, IOM Core Metrics.

- Dr. Cassel, Dr. Goodrich, Mr. Shea, and Dr. Isham presented on the importance of prudently moving in the direction of aligned performance measurement and leveraging the private sector in performance measurement efforts.
 - Dr. Cassel discussed the NQF-wide efforts currently underway supporting progress toward aligned performance measurement across public and private sectors.
 - Dr. Goodrich discussed current HHS work to align measures and how those activities are informed by MAP, especially the MAP Families of Measures.
 - Mr. Shea's presentations highlighted the current state of alignment across state and regional health measure sets.

- Dr. Isham presented on the IOM workshop and consensus study of triple aim core measures.
- Coordinating Committee members supported the overall concept of aligned performance measurement, but cautioned that alignment efforts should not get in the way of quality improvement and innovation. Members discussed that a degree of customization may be needed for unique local-level measurement and quality improvement efforts.

Uptake of MAP Recommendations by CMS; First Ad Hoc Review Experience

Session led by George Isham. Presentations by Allen Leavens, Senior Director, NQF, and Tom Valuck, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, NQF.

- Allen Leavens reviewed the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) uptake of 2013 MAP pre-rulemaking recommendations in recently proposed and finalized federal rules.
- Dr. Valuck presented MAP's experience reviewing measures on an ad hoc, expedited basis. The [MAP Hospital Workgroup](#) recently provided ad hoc review of four measures: one for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting Program and three for the Healthcare Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program. The committee discussed when an ad hoc review should be performance and the proper level of Coordinating Committee involvement. Committee members discussed the balance of maintaining the integrity of the MAP review process while remaining responsive to the needs of HHS. The Coordinating Committee Co-Chairs will work with NQF staff to develop principles to guide ad hoc reviews.

Finalize Refinements to the MAP Measure Selection Criteria

Session led by Beth McGlynn. Presentations by Chip Kahn, MAP Measure Selection Criteria and Impact Task Force Chair, and Allen Leavens.

- Mr. Kahn reviewed the background of the MAP MSC and Impact Task Force and the impetus for updating the MAP MSC.
- Dr. Leavens presented the following overarching changes to the MSC:
 - Added a preamble to emphasize that the criteria are meant as guidance rather than rules; application should be to measure sets, not individual measures; and focus should be placed on filling important measure gaps and promoting alignment.
 - More consistent use of terminology and formatting.
 - Removal of extraneous content, including the "Response Option" rating scales for each criterion or sub-criterion.
 - Specific criterion changes and edits, including incorporating language highlighting patient and caregiver reported outcomes when assessing program measure sets.
- Coordinating Committee members discussed the importance of measures that are meaningful to clinicians and measures that foster innovation.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Finalize Approach for Assessing Potential Impact of Measures Under Consideration

Session led by Beth McGlynn. Presentations by Chip Kahn and Allen Leavens.

- Mr. Kahn provided background information on the MSC and Impact Task Force’s second charge of assessing potential measure impact.
- Dr. Leavens then presented the proposed approach recommended by the task force:
 - Clearly defining “impact.”
 - Examining the extent to which measures under consideration can help program measure sets meet the MAP MSC, particularly through increasing measure alignment and closing priority performance gaps.
 - Closely integrating with parallel efforts that have related objectives for assessing measure impact.
- Coordinating Committee member discussion focused on ensuring the concurrent activities at CMS are complementing the work of the MAP and the importance of establishing feedback loops and synergy between the activities.

Review Continuing Efforts of the MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup and Finalize Recommendations to HHS on the Adult Medicaid Initial Core Set of Measures

Session led by Beth McGlynn. Presentations by Alice Lind, MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup Chair, and Sarah Lash, Senior Director, NQF.

- Ms. Lind and Ms. Lash discussed:
 - Exploring the availability of measures and special considerations for additional high-need subgroups within the Medicare and Medicaid Dual Eligible Beneficiary population.
 - Recent expedited review and recommendations regarding the measures in the Initial Core Set for Medicaid-Eligible Adults and high-priority measure gaps.
- Coordinating Committee members expressed the need for a better understanding of the effects of social determinants of health on outcomes and on quality measurement results. Additionally, members inquired about obtaining information on how states are using quality measurement data (e.g., public reporting, quality improvement).

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Review Integrated Approach to Identifying the MAP Affordability Family of Measures

Session led by George Isham. Presentations by Mark McClellan, MAP Affordability Task Force Chair, and Aisha Pittman, Senior Director, NQF.

- Dr. McClellan and Ms. Pittman presented on strategically connecting MAP’s upcoming Families of Measures for Affordability work with other NQF-wide quality and affordability measurement efforts.
- Coordinating Committee members discussed the wide range of definitions and perspectives of varying stakeholders regarding affordability. Members recommended conducting broad stakeholder outreach to understand the distinctions.

Review Approach for Assessing the Health Information Exchange Quality Rating System

Session led by George Isham. Presentations by Elizabeth Mitchell, MAP Health Information Exchange Quality Rating System Task Force Chair, and Aisha Pittman.

- Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Pittman presented on the Health Information Exchange Quality Reporting System Task Force's approach for providing input on the core measures and organization of information for the Health Insurance Exchange Quality Rating System.
- Coordinating Committee members discussed alignment with the National Quality Strategy, private sector measurement activities and maintaining a transparent and consumer/patient-centered approach.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Summary and Next Steps

Session led by George Isham. The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of next steps. The immediate upcoming MAP Coordinating Committee meetings are:

- All MAP Web Meeting on December 4th, 2013, 1-3pm ET.
- MAP Coordinating Committee In-Person Meeting on January 7-8, 2014.

MAP COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MAP Coordinating Committee Member
George Isham, Co-Chair
Elizabeth McGlynn, Co-Chair
Andrea Caballero, Catalyst for Payment Reform (<i>Substitute</i>)
Aparna Higgins, America's Health Insurance Plans
Bobbie Berkowitz, Subject Matter Expert: Population Health
Carl Sirio, American Medical Association
Chip N. Kahn, Federation of American Hospitals
Christopher M. Dezii, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
David Baker, American College of Physicians
Elizabeth Mitchell, Maine Health Management Coalition
Emma Kopleff, National Partnership for Women and Families (<i>Substitute</i>)
Foster Gesten, National Association of Medicaid Directors
Gerry Shea, AFL-CIO
Harold Pincus, Subject Matter Expert: Mental Health
Joyce Dubow, AARP
Kate Goodrich, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (<i>Substitute</i>)
Lisa McGiffert, Consumers Union
Margaret VanAmringe, The Joint Commission (<i>Substitute</i>)
Marissa Schlaifer, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
Marshall Chin, Subject Matter Expert: Disparities
Maureen Dailey, American Nurses Association (<i>Substitute</i>)
Patrick Conway, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Rhonda Anderson, American Hospital Association
Richard Antonelli, Subject Matter Expert: Child Health
Sam Lin, American Medical Group Association
Shari Davidson, National Business Group on Health

Steven Brotman, AdvaMed
Suzanne Delbanco, Catalyst for Payment Reform
Tom Granatir, American Board of Medical Specialties (<i>Substitute</i>)
William Kramer, Pacific Business Group on Health