



MAP Hospital Workgroup Web Meeting December 19, 2012

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a web meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Hospital Workgroup on Wednesday, December 19, 2012. An [online archive](#) of the meeting is available.

Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Frank Opelka (Chair)	Mitchell Levy, [subject matter expert: Patient Safety]
Richard Bankowitz, Premier, Inc.	Shekhar Mehta, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Andrea Benin, National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions	Lance Roberts, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
Barbara Caress, Building Services 32BJ Health Fund	Brock Slabach, National Rural Health Association
Patricia Conway-Morana, American Organization of Nurse Executives	Ann Marie Sullivan, [subject matter expert: Mental Health]
Nancy Foster, American Hospital Association [substitute for Rich Umbdenstock]	Christie Upshaw Travis, Memphis Business Group on Health
Gail Janes, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	Ronald Walters, Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers

Welcome and Review Meeting Objectives

Session led by Frank Opelka, MAP Hospital Workgroup Chair. Additional presentations were made by Lindsay Lang, Senior Director, NQF. The primary objectives of the meeting were to:

- Review and refine MAP Hospital Workgroup's Guiding Principles for Applying Measures to Hospital Programs;
- Review input on currently finalized measures for phased removal from federal programs applicable to hospital settings; and
- Finalize input to the MAP Coordinating Committee on currently finalized measures for use in the federal programs.

Guiding Principles for Applying Measures to Hospital Programs

- The workgroup reviewed and refined the MAP Hospital Workgroup's Guiding Principles for Applying Measures to Hospital Programs drafted during the December 12-13, 2012 in-person MAP Hospital Workgroup meeting.

- The guiding principles will be presented to the MAP Coordinating Committee at their in-person meeting on January 8-9, 2013.

Currently Finalized Measures for Phased Removal from Hospital Programs

- Following the December 12-13, 2012 in-person meeting, the Hospital Workgroup members were given an exercise in which they were asked to identify measures for phased removal that are currently finalized for the ten federal quality reporting and payment programs under review by the Hospital Workgroup.
- Eleven workgroup members across stakeholder groups responded to the exercise:
 - Eight members identified specific measures for phased removal,
 - Two members indicated there were no measures they would recommend for phased removal, and
 - One member suggested developing additional principles to guide decisions about removal of measures from programs.
- Of the 129 measures currently finalized in federal programs for hospitals, seven measures were identified by at least three workgroup members for phased removal.
- Following discussion of each measure, the workgroup ultimately agreed on phased removal of all seven of the measures identified. No additional measures were identified for phased removal by the workgroup members during the meeting.

Public Comment, Wrap Up, and Summary

- Frank Opelka summarized the recommendations from the web meeting and opened the meeting for public comments. No public comments were made.
- Results from the Hospital Workgroup web meeting will be shared with the MAP Coordinating Committee during their January 8-9, 2013 in-person meeting.
- A public comment period will be held January 14-28, 2013 to gather additional public input on MAP's pre-rulemaking recommendations.
- The final Pre-Rulemaking Report will be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2013.