

Monthly Measure Developer Webinar



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Monday, September 19, 2016

Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Updates to the NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria
- New Measure Submission Form: Version 7.0
- Policy Refresher: Revisions to the Appeals and Endorsement Process
- Next Steps/Announcements
 - New Consensus Development Projects
 - Measure Applications Partnership

Updates to the NQF Measure Evaluation Criteria



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Updates to the Measure Evaluation Criteria

Updated Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance document – August 2016

- Measure types – definitions in Guidance document
 - Staff will push back if developer selection doesn't match
- New “Endorsement +” designation may be added to endorsement recommendation
 - Eligible measures – passes evidence without exception; passes reliability and empirical validity testing of the measure score and passes vetting by those being measured and others.
- Usability and Use – new criterion 4b:
 - “Vetting by those being measured and others”
 - Required to be eligible for endorsement + designation
- “Any or none” measures no longer considered a composite

New Measure Submission Form: Version 7.0



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Changes to Measure Submission Form – Consolidation of Data Entry

- Maintenance Measure Checklist
 - Integrated into Measure Submission form; no longer a separate document on SharePoint
- Time Period for Data Collection
 - Explicitly requested in the numerator and denominator details fields – no longer stand alone field.
- Risk adjustment methodology
 - Methods, variables, and specifications only needed in testing attachment

Changes to Measure Submission Form – Consolidation of Data Entry

- Removed “High priority aspect of healthcare” and accompanying questions (including citations) – no longer a criterion
- Missing Data (e.g. imputation) – duplicate question removed
 - Only entered in testing attachment
- Merged improvement/performance trend questions

Changes to Measure Submission Form – Endorsement+

“Endorsement+” - a designation for measures that have exceeded NQF’s endorsement criteria in several key areas:

- Passes evidence criterion without an exception
- Demonstrated reliability of measure score
- Demonstrated empirical validity of measure score
- **Well-vetted in real-world settings by those being measured and other users**

Changes to Measure Submission Form – Endorsement+

Vetting of the measure by those being measured and others is demonstrated when:

- Those being measured have been given performance results and data, as well as assistance with interpreting the measure results and data
- Those being measured and other users have been given an opportunity to provide feedback on the measure performance and implementation
- This feedback has been considered when changes are incorporated into the measure

Changes to Measure Submission Form – Endorsement+

New questions in Usability and Use (subcriterion 4d):

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| 4d1.1 | Describe how performance results, data, and assistance with interpretation have been provided to those being measured or other users during development or implementation.

How many and which types of measured entities and/or others were included? If only a sample of measured entities were included, describe the full population and how the sample was selected. |
| 4d1.2 | Describe the process(es) involved, including when/how often results were provided, what data were provided, what educational/explanatory efforts were made, etc. |
| 4d2.1 | Summarize the feedback on measure performance and implementation from the measured entities and others described in 4d.1. Describe how feedback was obtained. |
| 4d2.2 | Summarize the feedback obtained from those being measured. |
| 4d2.3 | Summarize the feedback obtained from other users |
| 4d2.3 | Describe how the feedback described in 4d.2 has been considered when developing or revising the measure specifications or implementation, including whether the measure was modified and why or why not. |

Changes to Measure Submission Form – Measure Classification Revision

- New options added to:
 - Target population (e.g. adolescents)
 - Data Source: (e.g. Claims-only, Management data)
 - Care Setting (e.g. Emergency department, Birthing center)
 - Type (e.g. Process: Appropriate Use)
- NQF Staff will assign measure classifications in:
 - Non-Condition Specific (new classifications added in MSF v. 7.0 – was ‘Cross-Cutting Area’)
 - Subject/Topic Area (new conditions added in MSF v. 7.0)

Changes to the Annual Update Form-Release Notes And Endorsement+

New Release Notes Prompts: *Why was the change in specifications made?
How does the change in specification affect the measure results?*

Endorsement+ Queries:

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Changes to Evidence Attachment

- [Screenshare of Evidence Attachment 7.0]

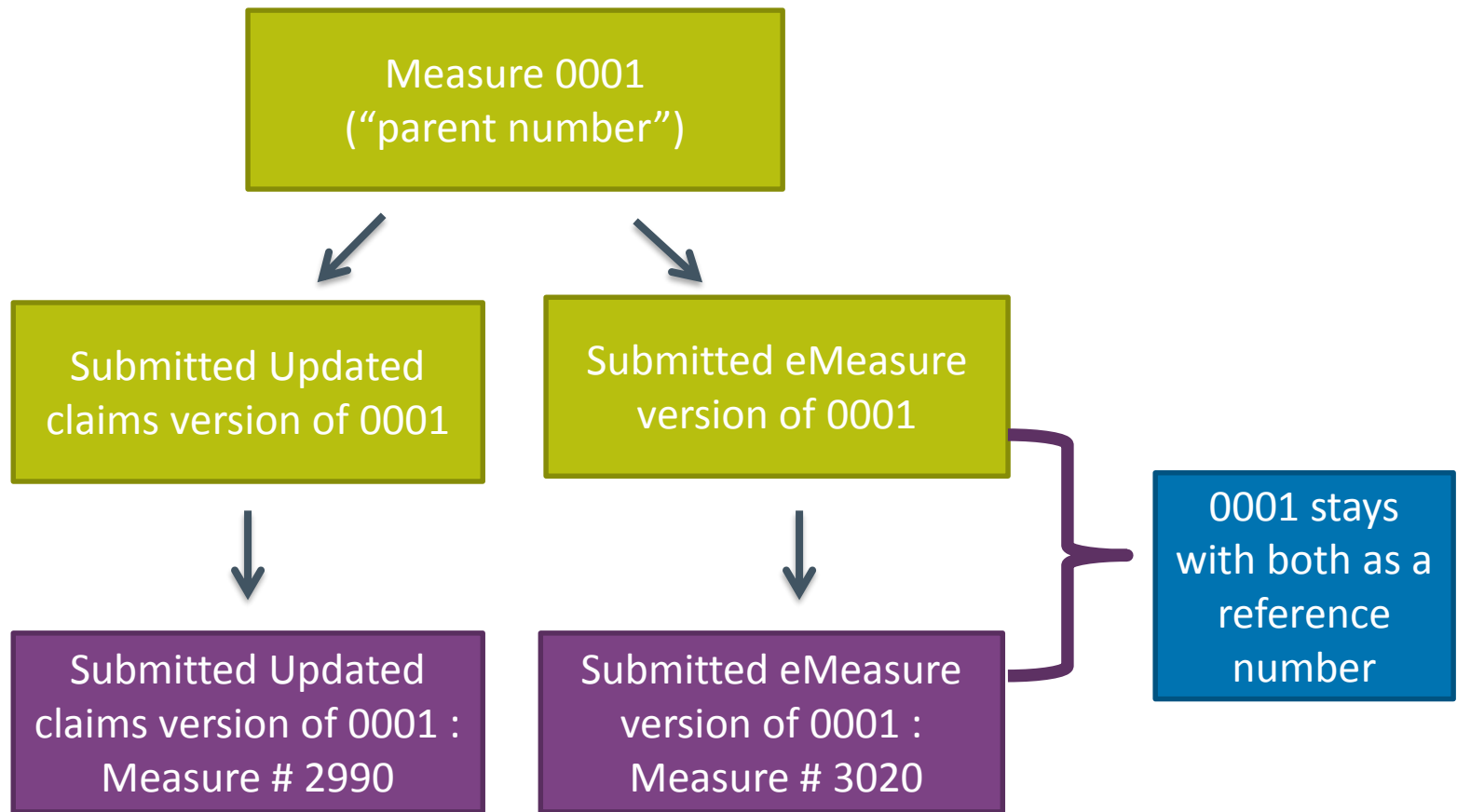
Resources – Submitting Standards

Access the Submitting Standards webpage here:

http://www.qualityforum.org/Measuring_Performance/Submitting_Standards.aspx

- Revised ‘Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance’ for 2016:
- New edition of the ‘Measure Developer Guidebook’ – Forthcoming late Sept 2016.

eMeasure Numbering System



Policy Refresher: Revisions to the Endorsement Decision and Appeals Process



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Endorsement Decision and Appeals Process

NQF's Measure Endorsement Decision and Appeal Process

STANDING COMMITTEE REVIEW

A Standing Committee recommends or does not recommend a measure for endorsement.

CSAC REVIEW

The Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) reviews Standing Committee recommendations, public comments, and the results of Member voting on a measure and makes a final measure endorsement decision.

APPEALS PERIOD

Once the CSAC's decision about a measure is made public on NQF's website, a 30-day appeals period begins. Any interested party may file an appeal during this time.

APPEALS BOARD REVIEW

NQF's Appeals Board will review all submitted appeals and decide to uphold or overturn the CSAC endorsement decision, or to dismiss the appeal.

These changes apply to measure endorsement projects that have their in-person meetings after August 2016

Appeals Board 2016-2018 Roster

- [Pam Cipriano, PhD, RN](#)
President
American Nurses Association
- [Joyce Dubow, MUP](#)
Retired
AARP
- [William Golden, MD, MACP](#)
Medical Director
Arkansas Medicaid
- [Laurel Pickering, MPH](#)
President and CEO
Northeast Business Group on Health (NEBGH)
- [David Shahian, MD](#)
Vice President
Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Quality and Safety
- Eligible for 2 terms of 2 years each
- Appointed by the NQF Board of Directors
- Responsible for adjudicating all submitted appeals regarding measure endorsement decisions

Next Steps/Announcements: New Projects & Submission Deadlines

Project Name	Call for Nominations Deadline	Call for Measures Submission Deadline
Care Coordination Phase 4	November 3, 2016	November 28, 2016
Behavioral Health Phase 4	November 9, 2016	December 2, 2016
Infectious Disease	November 10, 2016	December 5, 2016
Cost and Resource Use	November 16, 2016	N/A
All- Cause Admissions and Readmissions (Phase 3)	November 9, 2016	December 2, 2016

Next Steps/Announcements

- Next scheduled NQF Measure Developer webinar will be Monday, October 17, from 1:00-2:00 PM EST.
- Measure Developer Schedules distributed in early October
- Measure Applications Partnership:

Web Meetings

Clinician Workgroup – **October 17, 3-5pm ET**

Hospital Workgroup – **October 18, 3-5pm ET**

PAC/LTC Workgroup – **October 19, 3-5pm ET**

All MAP Pre-Rulemaking Process Review- **November 16, 12-2pm ET**

Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup – **January 10, 2017, 12-2pm ET**

In-Person Meetings

Coordinating Committee- **September 27**

Hospital Workgroup - **December 8-9**

Clinician Workgroup - **December 12-13**

PAC/LTC Workgroup - **December 14-15**

Coordinating Committee- **January 24-25**