



NQF Conflict of Interest Policy For Organizational Representatives of Measure Applications Partnership (MAP)

The Measure Applications Partnership (“MAP”) represents key healthcare stakeholder organizations from the public and private sectors and strives to represent a balance of organizational viewpoints and interests.

An Organizational Representative serves on behalf of an entity, and as such, represents that entity’s interests and point of view. In addition, Organizational Representatives unavoidably bring their personal backgrounds, experiences, and affiliations to the table. In an effort to minimize apparent or actual conflicts of interest, the MAP asks Organizational Representatives to recuse themselves from discussions, recommendations, or voting on matters in which they (**not** family members) have a personal financial interest of \$10,000 or more.

Example: The MAP is working to identify a set of quality measures for use by hospitals in public reporting. You own \$100,000 of stock in a for-profit hospital system to which those measures are likely to apply. You should recuse yourself from these discussions and recommendations as you might benefit financially from the MAP’s recommendations.

Organizational Representatives should recuse themselves from a discussion, recommendation, or voting immediately upon recognizing an apparent or actual financial conflict of interest. This recognition could occur as early as reviewing a meeting agenda or in the midst of discussion. Organizational Representatives who are unsure about the existence of a real or apparent financial conflict of interest should consult with the Chair, Co-Chair, or MAP staff.

On an annual basis, Organizational Representatives will be provided with a copy of this Policy and required to complete a disclosure form. Each Organizational Representative on a MAP committee will be asked to orally disclose any interests covered by this Policy at least annually at a public meeting of a given committee.