Measure Developer Webinar

NQF Measure Maintenance Team

February 7, 2022

Welcome

Agenda

- Update on Fall 2021 Measures
- Update on Spring 2022 Measures
- Scientific Methods Panel (SMP) Meeting Dates for 2022
- Topics for the Annual Measure Developer Workshop
- Measure Developer Resources

Today's Presenters

- Hannah Bui, MPH, Senior Manager
- Mary McCutcheon, MPP, Associate

Update on Fall 2021

Fall 2021 Measure Overview

Measure Portfolio	Measures by Portfolio	Complex Measures (SMP Reviewed)	SMP Result
Geriatrics and Palliative Care	3	2	Both measures passed
Patient Safety	5	4	3 measures passed 1 measure passed on reliability and was CNR on validity
Primary Care and Chronic Illness	3	2	1 measure passed on reliability and was CNR on validity 1 measure deferred to spring 2022
Surgery	1	6	1 measure passed SMP 3 measures did not pass SMP 2 measures withdrew
Total	**12 measures**	*	*

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Fall 2021 Next Steps

- Standing Committees will hold measure evaluation meetings over the next couple months

  - Measure Developers with measures in the fall 2021 cycle should have received calendar invites for their respective project's measure evaluation meetings. Dates can also be found on the NQF Calendar

- After measure evaluation meetings, NQF staff will draft technical reports that summarize recommendations from each Standing Committee

- Reports are posted for a 30-day public and member commenting period

- Shortly after the close of the public and member commenting periods, the Standing Committees may reconvene for a post-comment web meeting

- After the post-comment web meeting, the CSAC will convene to make endorsement decisions on measures submitted to the fall 2021 review cycle

Update on Spring 2022

Spring 2022 Measure Overview

Measure Portfolio	Noncomplex Measures	Complex Measures (SMP Reviews)	Total Measures
All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions	2	*	2
Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse	7	*	7
Cost and Efficiency	3	*	3
Geriatrics and Palliative Care	6	*	6
Patient Safety	6	1	7
Perinatal and Women's Health	2	3	5
Prevention and Population Health	8	*	8
Primary Care and Chronic Illness	5	1	6
Renal	1	8	9
Total	**40**	**13**	**53**

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Next Steps for Spring 2022

Following Intent to Submit on January 5:

- Complex measures are being reviewed by the SMP
  - Measure developers have been notified whether their measures are deemed complex and are being reviewed by the SMP

- Non-complex measures are being reviewed by staff
  - Completeness check feedback will be submitted to measure developers ahead of the full measure submission deadline

- Teams will reopen submissions for additional feedback as needed from developers

- Full submission deadlines are dependent on the topic area and can be found on the next slide

Full Measure Submission Deadlines for Spring 2022

Topic Area	Deadline
All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions Patient Safety Primary Care and Chronic Illness Renal	Monday, April 4, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET
Behavioral Health and Substance Use Cost and Efficiency Geriatrics and Palliative Care Perinatal and Women's Health Prevention and Population Health	Monday, April 11, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET

SMP Dates for 2022

SMP Dates for 2022 (continued)

- Topic-Based Web Meeting #1 – February 24, 1PM-3PM EST

- Spring 2022 Measure Evaluation Meeting – March 22-23, *9AM-5PM EST

- Topic-Based Web Meeting #2 – May 24, 12PM-2PM EST

- Topic-Based Web Meeting #3 – July 14, 12PM-2PM EST

- Fall 2022 Measure Evaluation Meeting – October 25-26, *9AM-5PM EST

- Topic-Based Web Meeting #4 – December 6, 12PM-2PM EST

*Times are subject to change once measures under review and agenda are finalized.

SMP Next Steps for Spring 2022

- NQF SMP staff perform responsiveness checks on required ITS sections and communicate with developers about any necessary updates – *mid to late January*

- NQF SMP staff send measures to SMP for their preliminary review – *early February*

- NQF SMP staff send SMP preliminary analyses to developers to allow them the opportunity to respond and have the response included in the discussion guide for the measure evaluation meeting – *early March*

- NQF SMP staff notify developers of the measures being pulled for discussion at the measure evaluation meeting and the reason – *mid March*

- NQF hosts SMP measure evaluation meeting where SMP members review two groups of measures: those pulled for discussion and those measures that did not pass the preliminary review, for which a developer response was included in the discussion guide – *late March*

- NQF SMP staff sends results of the measure evaluation meeting to developers. This includes final voting results and determinations of eligibility for revote by the Standing Committees – *no more than 2 weeks after the SMP measure evaluation meeting*

Topics for the Annual Measure Developer Workshop

What topics would you like to see discussed in the 2022 Measure Developer Workshop?

Measure Developer Resources

Submitting Standards Web Page

- Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance Document
  - Includes evaluation algorithms for evidence, reliability, and validity
    - » Lays out the logic that committees will use for rating Evidence, Reliability, and Validity subcriteria

- Measure Developer Guidebook
  - Explains the NQF process and expectations for developers

- Intent to Submit Checklist

- MIMS Resources
  - Printable versions of new MIMS measure submission forms
    - » Quality Measure Form
    - » Composite Measure Form
    - » Cost and Resource Use Measure Form
    - » Measure Submission Form Crosswalk
  - MIMS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
  - Recording and transcript of the May developer webinar – MIMS demo
  - Recording and transcript of the June developer webinar – creating new measure in MIMS
  - Recording and transcript of the August developer webinar – completeness checks in MIMS
  - Recording and transcript of the December developer webinar – preparing for Intent to Submit

Tips for Measure Developers

- General reminders:
  - Refer to the [NQF Submitting Standards web page](#)
  - Attend the quarterly measure developer webinars to ensure you are up to date with NQF timelines and process changes
  - Contact measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org for general inquiries or questions related to the Consensus Development Process (CDP), measure evaluation criteria, or technical assistance
  - Check your [MIMS Dashboard](#)regularly and verify the correct measure developer/steward contacts are listed. If these change, please make updates in your measure submissions by using the Manage User Access function. NQF uses the contacts listed in the Dashboard to send updates and reminders about deadlines related to your measure.

- Measure Submission:
  - Seek technical assistance from NQF staff early and often. Measure submission deadlines are firm and extensions will not be granted. If you would like NQF staff to provide input on your draft submission, please contact the appropriate NQF project team and request technical assistance well in advance of the deadline

THANK YOU.

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