

Measure Monthly Developer Webinar



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Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance Document
- Ad Hoc Review Process
- SDS Trial Period: Updates
- Q&A
- Next Steps

Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance Document

Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance

- Updates to the 2013 Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance
- Consolidates multiple policy and guidance documents
 - Guidance on evaluating eMeasures
 - Details on the SDS Trial Period
 - Inactive endorsement with reserve status
 - Evidence for appropriate use measures

2015 Updates to Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance

- Subcriterion 1a. Includes additional guidance for patient-reported outcome measures and appropriate use measures.
- Subcriterion 1b. Opportunity for improvement. Guidance has been expanded to discuss “topped out” measures and NQF’s policy for Inactive Endorsement with Reserve Status.
- Subcriterion 1c. High Priority was removed as an evaluation criterion by the Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC).
- Subcriterion 2b.4. Risk adjustment: measures should be submitted with analysis of both clinical and non-clinical SDS factors considered for inclusion in risk adjustment models.

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Submitting Standards

Performance Measures

NQF endorses performance measures as voluntary consensus standards. Interested stewards and/or developers of performance measures may submit their candidate standards for consideration by NQF.

Online Measure Submission

To submit a performance measure, a steward must complete and electronically submit the online measure submission form for each measure they wish to submit to NQF for consideration.

NQF is using an online [Measure Submission Form, Version 6.5](#). The online submission form includes a variety of features and allows the user to:

- Gain secure access to the submission form from any location with an internet connection;
- Save a draft version of the form and return to complete it at his or her convenience; and
- Print a hard copy of the submission form for reference.

To review the questions included in the [measure submission form](#), the [evidence attachment](#) and/or the [testing attachment](#), Word templates of the online forms are available below:

- [NQF Measure Submission Form \(DOCX\)](#)
- [NQF Evidence Attachment \(DOCX\)](#)
- [NQF Testing Attachment \(DOCX\)](#)

[View the Measure Submission Form Demonstration](#)

If the performance measure to be submitted is not owned by a government entity, the steward must also complete and submit a [Measure Steward Agreement \(PDF\)](#).

If a current measure stewards wishes to add new measures to their existing measure steward agreement, they must complete and submit a [Measure Steward Agreement Addendum \(PDF\)](#).

Call for Measures

[Measure Submission Help](#)

[Trial Measure Approval Pilot](#)

NQF Resources

The [Field Guide](#) is an online resource designed to help you easily access NQF resources.

- [Access the Field Guide](#)
- [NQF Glossary \(PDF\)](#)
- [Developer Guidebook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Steering Committee Guidebook \(PDF\)](#)

Measure Inventory Pipeline

Explore NQF's new virtual space and learn about current and planned measure development activities.

[Access the Measure Pipeline](#)

Downloads

[Measure Evaluation Criteria:](#)

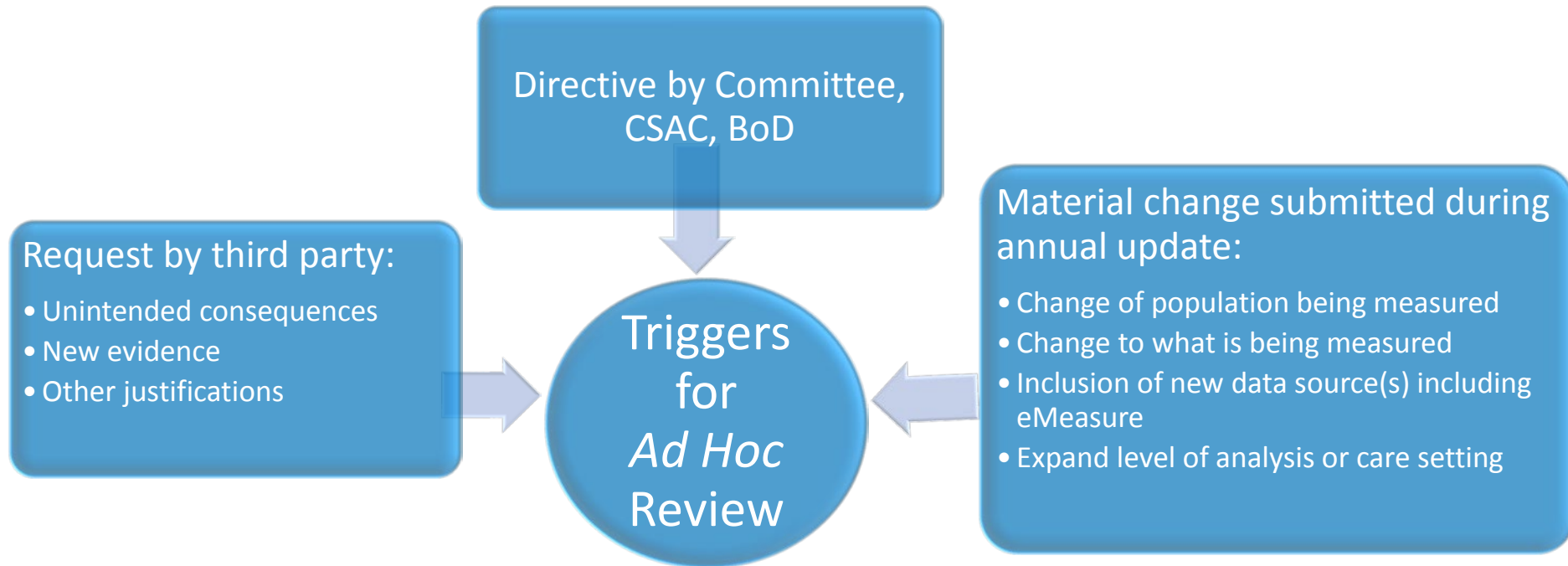
- [2015 Measure Evaluation Criteria and Guidance](#)
- [2013 Measure Evaluation](#)

Ad Hoc Review Process

Ad Hoc Review

- An *ad hoc* review is a formal measure evaluation and endorsement reconsideration outside of the scheduled maintenance of endorsement process.
- An ad hoc review can be requested at any time by any party, as long as there is adequate evidence to justify the review.
 - NQF defines a “material change” to a measure as changes in specifications that would affect the measure result.
- This review is limited and focused on a specific issue regarding an evaluation criterion and is not the same as a maintenance of endorsement evaluation.

Ad Hoc Review



Requests are submitted via the Quality Positioning System (QPS) or via email to measuremaintenance@qualityforum.org.

Requests must indicate which criterion the ad hoc review should address and include adequate written evidence to justify the review

Ad Hoc Review

The ad hoc review process follows a shortened version of the Consensus Development Process.

Note: An ad hoc review is limited to the criterion being challenged and is not a full review of all criteria



SDS Trial Period

SDS Trial Period for Measure Consideration and Evaluation

Newly-submitted measures

- **ALL measures submitted to NQF after April 15, 2015 will be considered part of the trial period**, and Standing Committees may consider whether such measures are appropriately adjusted for SDS factors as part of their evaluation.

Previously-endorsed measures

- **Measures undergoing endorsement maintenance review during the trial period** will also be considered “fair game” for consideration of SDS adjustment.
- Other paths for evaluation of SDS adjustment for endorsed measures:
 - Ad hoc requests
 - Conditional endorsement (e.g., Readmissions, Cost & Resource Use)

Q&A

Next Steps

- Next scheduled webinar will be Monday, June 15, 2015 from 1:00-2:00pm EST.
- Please complete the Developer Survey by Friday, May 22, 2015
 - (The Measure Developer Survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TP3TW7Z>)