Measure Developer Webinar

NQF Measure Maintenance Team

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Welcome

Today's Presenters

- Kathryn Goodwin, MS, NQF Director

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Agenda

- Overview of updates to the Measure Evaluation Criteria Guidance Document and Measure Developer Guidebook

- Updates and next steps for the fall 2021 cycle

- MIMS tutorial: completeness checks, requesting deferrals and withdrawals, and annual updates

- Measure developer resources

Updates to the Measure Evaluation Criteria Guidance Document and Measure Developer Guidebook

Measure Evaluation Guidance Updates

- Additional measure types/categories defined
  - PRO, PROM, PRO-PM

- Updated testing language for scientific acceptability
  - Data element level → patient/encounter level
    - » "Data element" will still be used when referring to how the measure is constructed (e.g. in eCQMs)
  - Measure score → accountable entity level

- Additional guidance on composite testing for scientific acceptability
  - Theory of composite construction should be provided to explain testing methodology

Updates and Next Steps for Fall 2021

Updates and Next Steps for Fall 2021 Cont.

- Time sensitivity has been determined, communicated, and confirmed with developers for fall 2021 measures

- The updated reassignments will be reflected in MIMS in the coming weeks

- For measures undergoing review in the fall 2021 cycle:
  - Completeness checks have been performed in MIMS
  - Developers with complex measures going to the Scientific Methods Panel (SMP) should review completeness check notes and make any required edits to measure submissions in MIMS by August 24

MIMS Tutorial

Completeness Checks

- Completeness checks are now performed in MIMS

- Feedback and fields that require updates will be indicated in orange within the MIMS measure submission

Completeness Checks, cont.

- [NQF Staff will screenshare]

Requesting Deferrals

- Deferral management is performed in MIMS

- Deferrals may be requested on current submissions

- NQF's deferral policy will be applied in MIMS
  - One cycle of deferral at a time will be allowed if approved by NQF

Requesting Deferrals, cont.

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Requesting Withdrawals

- Withdrawals are performed in MIMS

- Withdrawals may be requested on current submissions

- Reason for withdrawal is required

Requesting Withdrawals,

Requesting Withdrawals, cont.

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Annual Updates

- No changes have been made to the questions required

- NQF Staff will create an annual update submission at the Developer's request

Annual Updates, cont.

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

Tips for Measure Developers

- General reminders:
  - Refer to the [NQF Submitting Standards web page](#)
  - Attend the bi-monthly 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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