

Measure Developers' Webinar

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Agenda

- Endorsement Maintenance Project Updates
- Updates to Measure Submission Form

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Measure Submission Form Updates



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Added Specificity for “Measure Type” Question

- We have added a sub-element for the taxonomy item measure type, under Outcome- **“*patient reported outcome*”**. This sub-element applies to measures that fit the definition below.
 - **The concept of any report of the status of a patient’s health condition that comes directly from the patient, without interpretation of the patient’s response by a clinician or anyone else. PRO domains include:**
 - **health-related quality of life (including functional status);**
 - **symptom and symptom burden;**
 - **experience with care; and**
 - **health behaviors**

Descriptive Information

De.1. Measure Type (Patient-reported outcomes include HRQoL/functional status, symptom/burden, experience with care, health-related behavior.)*

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Updates to Measure Evaluation Criteria Questions

- The sub-criteria under ***importance to measure and report*** have been reorganized in the following order: **Evidence, Performance Gap & High Priority**
 - Hyperlink to evaluation criteria.

Introduction
NQF Conditions
Specifications
Importance

Importance to Measure and Report is a threshold criterion that must be met in order to recommend a measure. Three subcriteria must be met to pass this criterion. See [guidance on evidence](#).

Opportunity for Improvement (Measure evaluation criterion 1a)

1a. Attach evidence submission form ([Click here to download Evidence Submission Form](#))

1. Evidence, Performance Gap, and Priority (Impact)—Importance to Measure and Report: Extent to which the specific measure focus is evidence-based, important to making significant gains in healthcare quality, and improving health outcomes for a specific high-priority (high-impact) aspect of healthcare where there is variation in or overall less-than-optimal performance. Measures must be judged to meet all subcriteria to pass this criterion and be evaluated against the remaining criteria.

Additional Updates

- For eMeasures, there is a place to upload the output from the *measure authoring tool* and a place to upload a feasibility assessment.

Measure Specifications

S.1. Measure-specific Web Page (Provide a URL link to a web page specific for this measure that contains current detailed specifications including code lists, risk model details, and supplemental materials. Do not enter a URL linking to a home page or to general information.) *

S.2a. **If this is an eMeasure, HQMF specifications must be attached.** Attach the output from the eMeasure authoring tool (MAT) - if the MAT was not used, contact staff. (Use the specification fields in this online form for the plain-language description of the specifications) *

Available in attached file

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Note: Keep the attached file to 100 MB or less.

Additional Updates

- For eMeasures, there is a place to upload the output from the measure authoring tool and a place to upload a ***feasibility assessment***.

3b.3. If this is an eMeasure, provide a summary of the feasibility assessment in an attached file or make available at a measure-specific URL.

Available at measure-specific web page URL identified in S.1

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Note: Keep the attached file to 100 MB or less.

No feasibility assessment

Additional Updates (cont.)

- The form now calls for any information submitted pertaining to the **evidence** of measure to be submitted as attachments, rather than input into a free text field.

three subcriteria must be met to pass this criterion. See guidance on evidence.

Opportunity for Improvement (Measure evaluation criterion 1a)

1a. Attach evidence submission form (Click here to download Evidence Submission Form Template)

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1b.1. Briefly explain the rationale for this measure (e.g., the benefits or improvements in quality envisioned by use of this measure)

Additional Updates (cont.)

- The form now calls for any information submitted pertaining to the **testing** of measure to be submitted as attachments, rather than input into a free text field.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a sidebar on the left containing five menu items: 'Introduction', 'NQF Conditions', 'Specifications', 'Importance', and 'Scientific Acceptability'. The main content area is titled 'Testing Attachment' and contains the following text: '2.1. Attach measure testing form (Click to here to download the Measure Testing Submission Form OR the Composite Measure Testing Form.)'. Below this text is a file upload area with a button labeled '+ Add file...' and a note: 'Note: Keep the attached file to 100 MB or less.' The 'Scientific Acceptability' menu item is highlighted in yellow.

Updates to Usability and Use Questions

- The **usability and use** criterion has been revised to be consistent with the 2012 approved guidance.

- Importance
- Scientific Acceptability
- Feasibility
- Usability and Use
- Related and Competing Measures
- Additional

4.1. Current and Planned Use (check all the current and planned uses; for any current uses that are checked, provide a program name and URL for the specific program)

| Use | Planned | Current | For current use, provide Program Name and URL |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| a. Public Reporting | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | |
| b. Public Health/Disease Surveillance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | |
| c. Payment Program | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | |

4a.1. For each **CURRENT** use, checked above, provide:

- Name of program and sponsor
- Purpose
- Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included

Updates to Updates to Usability and Use Questions (cont.)

- The ***usability and use*** criterion has been revised to be consistent with the 2012 approved guidance.

4b.1. Progress on Improvement. (Not required for initial endorsement unless available.)

Performance results on this measure (current and over time) should be provided in 1b.2 and 1b.4. Discuss:

- **Progress (trends in performance results, number and percentage of people receiving high-quality healthcare)**
- **Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included**

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4b.2. If no improvement was demonstrated, what are the reasons? If not in use for performance improvement at the time of initial endorsement, provide a credible rationale that describes how the performance results could be used to further the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

Updates to Updates to Usability and Use Questions (cont.)

- The ***usability and use*** criterion has been revised to be consistent with the 2012 approved guidance.

4c.1. Were any unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations identified during testing; OR has evidence of unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations been reported since implementation? If so, identify the negative unintended consequences and describe how benefits outweigh them or actions taken to mitigate them.

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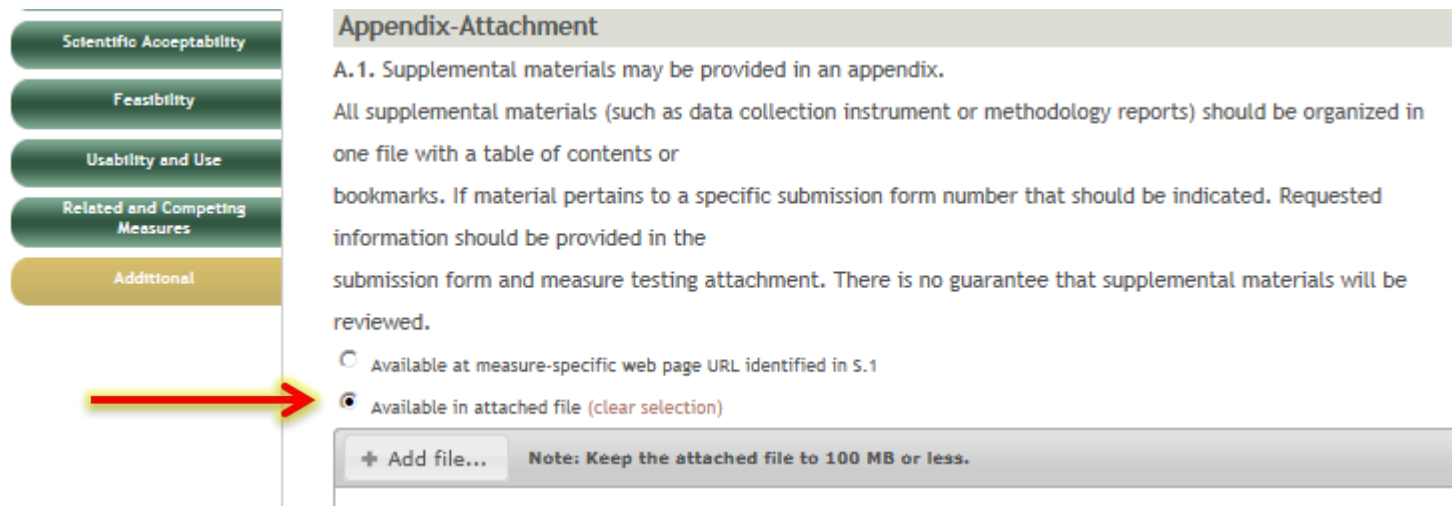
Additional Updates (cont.)

- When asking for the listing of *related and/or competing measures*, we're now allowing for the indication of measures that are not NQF endorsed.

The screenshot shows a sidebar with navigation buttons: Importance, Scientific Acceptability, Feasibility, Usability and Use, Related and Competing Measures (highlighted), and Additional. The main content area is titled 'Relation to Other NQF-endorsed Measures (Measure evaluation criterion 5)'. It contains question 5.1: 'If there are related measures (conceptually, either same measure focus or target population) or competing measures (conceptually both the same measure focus and same target population), list the NQF # and title of all related and/or competing measures. (Can search and select measures.)'. Below this are two radio buttons: 'Yes (clear selection)' (selected, with a red arrow pointing to it) and 'No'. A search box labeled 'Type here to search existing measure' is below the radio buttons. Question 5.1a is highlighted in yellow: 'If related or competing measures are not NQF endorsed please indicate measure title and steward.' Below this is a large text input field. At the bottom right of the form, it says '20000 characters left'.

Additional Updates (cont.)

- You are now able to add an attachment in the ***“additional”*** tab.



Appendix-Attachment

A.1. Supplemental materials may be provided in an appendix.

All supplemental materials (such as data collection instrument or methodology reports) should be organized in one file with a table of contents or bookmarks. If material pertains to a specific submission form number that should be indicated. Requested information should be provided in the submission form and measure testing attachment. There is no guarantee that supplemental materials will be reviewed.

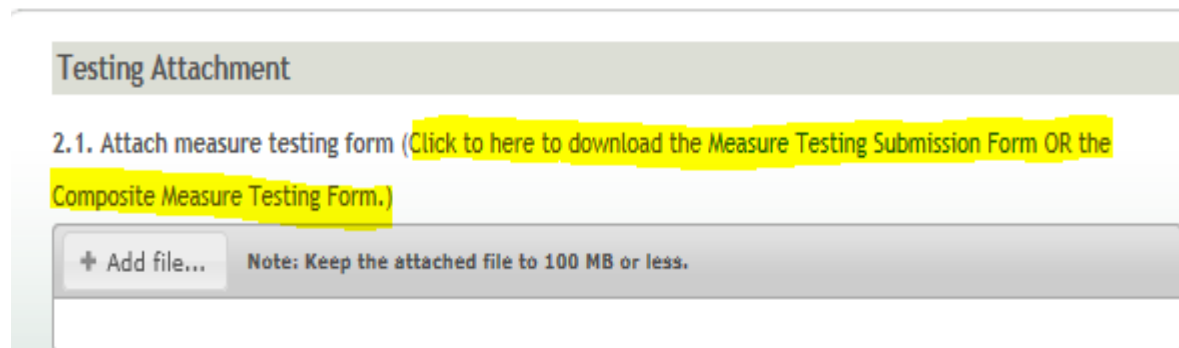
Available at measure-specific web page URL identified in S.1

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General Form Information

- Composite measures will essentially be using the same form with some additional questions on a composite tab and a composite-specific measure testing attachment.
- Questions should be answered in the online form **AND** the attachment forms.



The screenshot shows a form section titled "Testing Attachment". Below the title is a numbered instruction: "2.1. Attach measure testing form (Click to here to download the Measure Testing Submission Form OR the Composite Measure Testing Form.)". The text in the parentheses is highlighted in yellow. Below the instruction is a file upload area with a button labeled "+ Add file..." and a note: "Note: Keep the attached file to 100 MB or less."

Annual Update Form Changes

- Added the following fields to accommodate coding conversion.
 - **S.1**; the question reads: *Measure Web Page URL (Provide a URL link to a web page specific for this measure that contains current detailed specifications including code lists, risk model details, and supplemental materials. Do not enter a URL linking to a home page or to general information.)*
 - **S.2a**; the question reads: *If this is an eMeasure, HQMF specifications must be attached. Attach the output from the eMeasure authoring tool (MAT) - if the MAT was not used, contact staff.*
 - **S.2B**; the question reads: *Data dictionary, code table, or value sets (and risk model codes and coefficients when applicable) must be attached. If not, contact staff.*

Annual Update Form Changes (cont.)

- Added the following fields to accommodate coding conversion.
 - **S.15**; the question reads: *Detailed risk model specifications must be in attached data dictionary/code list Excel or csv file. Also indicate if available at measure-specific URL identified in S.1.*