

The Quality Community, Fall 2015



Measure Applications Partnership

NQF's Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) [recently issued three reports](#) that provide input to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on measures to drive improvement in the quality of healthcare services provided to the more than 70 million adults and children enrolled in Medicaid, as well as the 10 million

Americans who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare:

- [Strengthening the Core Set of Healthcare Quality Measures for Adults Enrolled in Medicaid](#) recommends the phased addition of nine measures to the Adult Core Set to help address high-priority areas, including behavioral health and reproductive health.
- [Strengthening the Core Set of Healthcare Quality Measures for Children Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP](#) recommends the phased addition of six measures to the Child Core Set in high-priority areas such as behavioral health and maternity care.
- [Advancing Person-Centered Care for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries through Performance Measurement](#) recommends adding 18 new measures to the MAP Family of Measures for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries, including 12 new behavioral health measures, one care coordination measure, and five admission/readmission measures.

Get involved in MAP at the upcoming [all-MAP meeting](#) on **Friday, November 13, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm ET**, to take a closer look at this year's approach and mechanism for reviewing measures under consideration.



Thought Leadership

NQF President and CEO Christine Cassel, MD, and Richard Kronick, PhD, the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, recently outlined [actions that healthcare stakeholders can take](#) to support the path forward in quality

measurement in a commentary published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The article, "[Learning from the Past to Measure the Future](#)," highlights the findings of an initiative that engaged nearly two dozen leaders across the healthcare spectrum to envision the future of healthcare quality measurement.



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Please join us in welcoming these new Members to NQF:

- [Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.](#)
- [Biogen](#)
- [Carilion Clinic](#)
- [National Partnership for Hospice Innovation](#)
- [Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development and Commercialization, Inc.](#)
- [Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons](#)
- [Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists](#)

Thank you for adding your voices to our work to improve health and healthcare quality for all Americans.



Profiles in Quality

NQF recently spoke with [Lina Walker from AARP](#), [Kate Goodrich from CMS](#), and [Michael Monson from Centene](#) about how Medicare and Medicaid have positively impacted the lives of tens of millions of Americans. Read their insights and [share your story](#) with the NQF community.



2015 Eisenberg Awards

Submissions are [open through October 30](#) for the 2015 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Awards. These prestigious awards, given annually by NQF and The Joint Commission, recognize major achievements to improve patient safety and healthcare quality by individuals and organizations at the local and national levels.

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Connect with Us

We have a great series of NQF Member events planned in the weeks ahead. All events are offered at no cost to NQF Member organizations. Please join us and encourage your staff to participate:

- [Member Meet-Up—Improving Population Health: Your Role and the Challenge of Measurement](#). October 15, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, at NQF offices in Washington, DC, or remotely.
- **Don't delay: registration is almost full!** [In-Person Workshop: How to Talk about Quality](#). October 27, 10:00 am-4:00 pm at NQF's offices in Washington, DC.

- **TweetChat: National Quality Partners' Advanced Illness Care Initiative.** October 29, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm ET. Follow @NatQualityForum and use #advancedillness to join the conversation.
- Virtual Forum: [How to Get Involved in Measure Endorsement](#). November 4, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm ET.
- **Save the Date! NQF's Annual Conference, "Re-engineering Quality Data for Value."** April 7-8, 2016, Washington Hilton, Washington, DC.

Join one of our [exclusive Member Networks](#)—Renal, HIT, and oncology (coming soon!)—to gain access to [NQF's LinkedIn group](#).

New Video: Who Uses Measures and Why?

Watch the new NQF video about the Quality Community. Measures are used every day by many stakeholders in the healthcare system—patients, families, providers, and many more:



Policy Highlights

CMS released a [Request for Information \(PDF\)](#) on new payment models and is seeking submissions from public and private stakeholders through October 31 to provide guidance on the implementation of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, the promotion of Alternative Payment Models (APMs), and incentive payments in eligible APMs.

Contact Us!

If you have questions about your Membership or would like more information about NQF programs, please [contact the Membership team](#).

