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Standing Committee Post-Comment Web Meeting

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Today's Agenda

- Welcome Remarks
- Review Meeting Objectives and Roll Call
- Discuss Public and Member Comments
- Revote on Measures Where Consensus was Not Reached
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Next Steps

Consideration of Candidate Measure

Review of Measure 2872e

- **Title:** Dementia – Cognitive Assessment
- **Developer:** Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI Foundation)
- **Measure Type:** Process
- **Data Source:** Electronic Health Records
- **Level of Analysis:** Clinician: Group/Practice
- **Care Setting:** Inpatient/Hospital, Outpatient Services, Other
- **Reviewed 1 time:**
 - *Original Endorsement Date: September 23, 2016*
 - *Most Recent Update: September 23, 2016*
- **Status:** Endorsed
- **Description:** Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of dementia for whom an assessment of cognition is performed and the results reviewed at least once within a 12-month period

Previous Committee Vote

Votes from Measure Evaluation Meeting on June 27, 2019:

- **Evidence: H-0, M-6, L-3, I-5 (CNR)***
- **Insufficient Evidence with Evidence Exception: Y-7, N-7 (CNR)***
- Performance Gap: H-5, M-8, L-1, I-1 (passed)
- Reliability: H-1, M-10, L-4, I-0 (passed)
- Validity: H-1, M-9, L-5, I-0 (passed)
- Feasibility: H-2, M-10, L-3, I-0 (passed)
- Use: Y-14, N-1 (passed)
- Usability: H-4, M-7, L-1, I-3 (passed)
- **Overall Suitability (vote delayed)**

2 practice guidelines cited as evidence in support

Committee concern that evidence was not strong enough for assessing cognition as a quality indicator.

Public Comments

- 4 total comments from two member organizations (PCPI and the American Occupational Therapy Association) and one nonmember organization (AAN), all supportive of the measure
- Concerns/Comments
 - ▣ *Measurement burden*
 - ▣ *Federal program standing*
 - » Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability program
 - ▣ *Challenges of doing RCTs*
 - ▣ *Other complementary measures elsewhere available*
 - ▣ *Cognition is related to broader function (Piersol et al., 2017)*

Discuss and Revote on Measure

Opportunity for Member and Public Comment

Activities and Timeline **Spring 2019** Review Cycle

All Times ET

Activity	Date
Measure Submission Deadline	April 2, 2019
Commenting & member support period on submitted measures opens	Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Measure Evaluation Web Meeting	Thursday, June 27, 2019, 1-3 pm ET
Draft Report Posted for Public Comment	July 26-August 26, 2019
Post Draft Report Comment Call	Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 1-3 pm ET
CSAC Review Period	October 8-October 28, 2019
Appeals Period	October 30-November 28, 2019

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