



## Renal Standing Committee—Measure Evaluation In-Person Meeting

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The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened the Renal Standing Committee for an in-person meeting on June 7, 2019 at the NQF offices in Washington, DC to evaluate five measures.

### Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives

NQF welcomed the Standing Committee and participants to the in-person meeting. NQF staff reviewed the meeting objectives. Committee members each introduced themselves and disclosed any potential conflicts of interest.

### Role of Endorsement in the Measurement Enterprise

NQF staff provided an overview of where NQF fits in the overall measurement enterprise and emphasized the importance of the role of Standing Committee members in the quality measurement space. A CMS representative spoke about the CMS' view on the endorsement process and how CMS values standing committee recommendations to make decisions on use of measures in CMS programs.

### Measure Evaluation

During the meeting, the Renal Standing Committee evaluated five measures for endorsement maintenance. A summary of the Committee deliberations will be compiled and provided in the draft technical report. NQF will post the draft technical report on July 25, 2019 for public comment on the NQF website. The draft technical report will be posted for 30 calendar days.

**Measure Evaluation Criteria Rating Key:** H – High; M – Medium; L – Low; I – Insufficient

#### **0318 Delivered Dose of Peritoneal Dialysis Above Minimum (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center)**

##### *Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

Joseph Messana, Claudia Dahlerus, Jennifer Sardone

##### *Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: Carried over votes from previous evaluation
- Performance Gap: H-2; M-13; L-1; I-0
- Reliability: H-1; M-14; L-0; I-0
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.
- Validity: H-0; M-12; L-4; I-0
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.
- Feasibility: H-9; M-6; L-0; I-0

- Use: Pass-16; No Pass-0
- Usability: H-6; M-10; L-0; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-15; No-0*

The Standing Committee agreed that this measure continues to add value to the Renal portfolio and recommended the measure for continued endorsement.

**1423 Minimum spKt/V for Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center)**

*Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

Joseph Messana, Claudia Dahlerus, Jennifer Sardone

*Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: Carried over votes from previous evaluation
- Performance Gap: H-0; M-12; L-4; I-0
- Reliability: Accepted the Scientific Methods Panel evaluation
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.
- Validity: Accepted the Scientific Methods Panel evaluation
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.
- Feasibility: H-11; M-4; L-0; I-0
- Use: Pass-15; No Pass-1
- Usability: H-6; M-10; L-1; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-17; No-0*

The Standing Committee agreed that this measure continues to add value to the Renal portfolio and recommended the measure for continued endorsement.

**1424 Monthly Hemoglobin Measurement for Pediatric Patients (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center)**

*Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

Joseph Messana, Claudia Dahlerus, Jennifer Sardone

*Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: Carried over votes from previous evaluation
- Performance Gap: H-0; M-16; L-2; I-0
- Reliability: H-5; M-12; L-0; I-0

- Validity: H-5; M-12; L-0; I-0
- Feasibility: H-16; M-1; L-0; I-0
- Use: Pass-17; No Pass-0
- Usability: H-6; M-11; L-0; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-17; No-0*

The Standing Committee agreed that this measure continues to add value to the Renal portfolio and recommended the measure for continued endorsement.

**1425 Measurement of nPCR for Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center)**

*Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

Joseph Messana, Claudia Dahlerus, Jennifer Sardone

*Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: H-0; M-12; L-2; I-4
- Performance Gap: H-3; M-14; L-0; I-1
- Reliability: H-0; M-16; L-1; I-0
- Validity: H-0; M-16; L-1; I-0
- Feasibility: H-7; M-11; L-0; I-0
- Use: Pass-18; No Pass-0
- Usability: H-3; M-15; L-0; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-18; No-0*

The Standing Committee agreed that this measure continues to add value to the Renal portfolio and recommended the measure for continued endorsement.

**2706 Pediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Adequacy: Achievement of Target Kt/V (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center)**

*Measure Steward/Developer Representatives at the Meeting*

Joseph Messana, Claudia Dahlerus, Jennifer Sardone

*Standing Committee Votes*

- Evidence: Carried over votes from previous evaluation
- Performance Gap: H-2; M-15; L-0; I-0
- Reliability: Accepted the Scientific Methods Panel evaluation
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.

- Validity: Accepted the Scientific Methods Panel evaluation
  - This measure is deemed as complex and was evaluated by the NQF Scientific Methods Panel.
- Feasibility: H-10; M-6; L-0; I-0
- Use: Pass-17; No Pass-0
- Usability: H-5; M-12; L-0; I-0

*Standing Committee Recommendation for Endorsement: Yes-17; No-0*

The Standing Committee agreed that this measure continues to add value to the Renal portfolio and recommended the measure for continued endorsement.

### **Renal Portfolio Gaps Discussion**

NQF staff provided an overview of the gaps that the Committee had previously identified in measurement of renal care and conducted an informal discussion to obtain further feedback on the Committee's view of the most important areas for future measure development.

### **Public Comment**

No public or NQF member comments were provided during the measure evaluation meeting.

### **Next Steps**

NQF will post the draft technical report on July 25, 2019 for public comment for 30 calendar days. The continuous public comment with member support will close on August 23, 2019. NQF will reconvene the Standing Committee for the post-comment web meeting on September 19, 2019.