



MAP Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care Workgroup

In-Person Meeting

December 10, 2013

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened an in-person meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Post-Acute Care/Long-Term Care (PAC/LTC) Workgroup on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. An online archive of the meeting is available by clicking [here](#).

Workgroup Member Attendance

Carol Raphael, Workgroup Chair	Juliana Preston, HealthInsight
Allen Nissenson, Kidney Care Partners	Kathleen Kelly, Family Caregiver Alliance
Bruce Leff; subject matter expert: Clinician/Geriatrics (participating by phone)	Lisa Tripp, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
Carol Spence, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (participating by phone)	Marc Leib; subject matter expert: State Medicaid
Charlene Harrington; subject matter expert: Clinician/Nursing	Pamela Roberts, American Occupational Therapy Association
D.E.B. Potter, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Randall Krakauer, Aetna
Debra Saliba; subject matter expert: Measure Methodologist	Scott Shreve, Veterans Health Administration (participating by phone)
Gerri Lamb; subject matter expert: Care Coordination (participating by phone)	Sean Muldoon, Kindred Healthcare
Heather Smith, American Physical Therapy Association (substitute for Roger Herr)	Shari Ling, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
James Lett, II, National Transitions of Care Coalition	Suzanne Snyder Kauserud, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
Jennifer Thomas, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (participating by phone)	Thomas von Sternberg; subject matter expert: Health IT

Welcome, Review Meeting Objectives, and Pre-Rulemaking Approach

- Ms. Carol Raphael, Workgroup Chair welcomed the group and reviewed the following meeting objectives:
 - Review and provide input on currently finalized program measure sets for federal programs applicable to PAC/LTC settings
 - Review and provide input on measures under consideration for federal programs applicable to PAC/LTC settings
 - Identify high-priority measure gaps for each program measure set

- Finalize input to the MAP Coordinating Committee on measures for use in federal programs
- Ms. Pittman reviewed the MAP 2013-14 pre-rulemaking approach, which consists of four steps: Build on MAP's prior recommendations; evaluate each finalized program measure set using the MAP Measure Selection Criteria; evaluate measures under consideration for what they would add to the program measure set; and identify high-priority measure gaps for programs and settings.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program Measure Set

- The Workgroup reviewed 5 measures currently finalized for the program measure set and 8 measures under consideration for the IRF Quality Reporting Program.
- The Workgroup supported one NQF-endorsed measure under consideration that addresses *C. difficile*, a high incidence healthcare acquired condition in IRFs.
- The Workgroup conditionally supported the remaining measures under consideration, noting that they all addressed PAC/LTC core measure concepts but need further modification or development.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program

- The Workgroup reviewed 9 measures currently finalized for the program measure set and 3 measures under consideration for the LTCH Quality Reporting Program.
- The Workgroup conditionally supported two measures that addressed the core concept of functional and cognitive assessment.
- The Workgroup supported a measure addressing Ventilator-Associated Events, noting that this measure provides useful information for healthcare facilities to monitor the appropriate use of ventilators.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program Measure Set

- Ms. Robyn Nishimi and Ms. Kathleen Lester from Kidney Care Partners presented on the context and background of the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP).
- The Workgroup reviewed 15 measures currently finalized for the program measure set and 21 measures under consideration for the ESRD-QIP.
- The Workgroup supported 7 measures under consideration that addressed several cross-cutting areas previously noted as gaps and other important measurement topics for the ESRD population.
- The Workgroup Conditionally supported 9 measures, deeming them conceptually important but in need of further development including several vaccination measures to promote better care coordination and shared accountability across the care continuum.
- The Workgroup did not support 5 measures as they did not address any current needs of the program.

Input on Alignment Issues across PAC/LTC Programs

- Ms. Tara McMullen and Ms. Stella Mandl from CMS presented on the Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) tool Demonstration and Implications for use across PAC/LTC programs.
- Mr. Joel Andress from CMS presented on admission/readmission measures for use in PAC/LTC settings and discussed the barriers associated with aligning the measures.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on Home Health Quality Reporting Program Measure Set

- The Workgroup reviewed 82 measures finalized for the program measure set and 4 measures under consideration for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program.
- The Workgroup supported four measures under consideration addressing the PAC/LTC core concept of avoidable admissions, mental health, and pressure ulcers.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on Hospice Quality Reporting Program and Palliative Care Measures for Hospital Quality Measurement Programs

- Ms. Elizabeth Goldstein provided an update on CMS Hospice Experience Survey.
- There were no measures under consideration for the Hospice Quality Reporting Program this year. The Workgroup considered which measures in the Hospice and Palliative Care Family of Measures would be appropriate and ready for application in hospitals, specifically the PPS Exempt Cancer Quality Reporting Program (PCQRP) and the Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (IQR).
- The Workgroup supported two process measures addressing pain noting the need to expeditiously get an outcome measure for pain. Additionally, they conditionally supported two measures addressing care plan and treatment preferences, and one structural measure addressing cultural competency for expansion to hospital programs.

Pre-Rulemaking Input on Nursing Home Quality Initiative Program

- Mr. Alex LaBerge from CMS presented on Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing demonstration and implementation plans
- There were no measures under consideration for the Nursing Home Quality Initiative Program.