

Call for Nominations

BACKGROUND

The Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) is a public-private partnership between America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) convened by National Quality Forum (NQF). The CQMC comprised of over 70 member organizations, including health insurance providers, primary care and specialty societies, consumer and employer groups, and other quality collaboratives, is working to facilitate cross-payer measure alignment. The CQMC has developed core measure sets that demonstrate an industry commitment to advancing healthcare quality and creating actionable information for consumers while simultaneously reducing stakeholder burden. Through recent work that identified measurement gaps and areas where broadly applicable measures should be prioritized, health equity and social determinants of health were highlighted. To ensure that perspectives on health inequities and disparities are considered and elevated through the CQMC core sets, NQF will convene a new CQMC Health Equity Workgroup.

A focus on health equity is essential in helping to identify unwarranted variation in care, improving the quality and outcome of health care provided, and identifying and eliminating health disparities. During 2022, NQF will convene a multistakeholder group to develop a Health Equity Report for the CQMC core sets. The Health Equity Report will summarize equity-related measures and disparities sensitive measures that are currently included in the CQMC core sets or that may be considered for future inclusion, as well as address challenges in implementation and adoption of equity-related measures for quality reporting and payment purposes. By identifying equity-related measures, the CQMC aims to promote the detection of quality across institutions or in relation to certain benchmarks and differences in quality among populations or social groups. **The CQMC is seeking nominations for the Health Equity Workgroup through January 6, 2022.**

WORKGROUP CHARGE

NQF will establish a new CQMC Workgroup charged with the following:

- Review existing quality measures in the current CQMC core sets that address health equity or are disparities-sensitive
- Identify gaps in equity and disparities sensitive measures across the CQMC core sets
- Review additional equity-related and disparities sensitive measures with a strong scientific basis and/or used by payers that may be considered for inclusion in the CQMC core sets
- Identify implementation barriers and strategies for adoption of equity-related measures in value-based models or reporting programs
- Provide input on the development of a Health Equity Report summarizing the measures and implementation considerations discussed by the Workgroup

WORKGROUP STRUCTURE

The Workgroup will include no more than 25 individuals. **Participation on the Workgroup requires a significant time commitment. In addition to the web meetings, Workgroup members are expected to review meeting materials in advance and participate in all relevant core set voting activities. To apply, you should be available to participate in all currently scheduled calls/meetings outlined below.** Over the course of 12 months, calls may be rescheduled based on project needs; new dates will be set based on the availability of most of the Workgroup.

Workgroup participation includes participation in **two** web meetings:

Table of Scheduled Meeting Dates

Meeting	Date/Time
Web Meeting #1	February 16, 2022 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET
Web Meeting #2	March 22, 2022 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET

PREFERRED EXPERTISE AND COMPOSITION

Workgroup members are selected to ensure representation from a variety of stakeholders, including patients/consumers, purchasers/employers, public and private payers, medical associations, hospital/health systems, quality collaboratives, measure developers, solutions providers, and other healthcare quality experts. Because NQF attempts to represent a diversity of stakeholder perspectives on workgroup, a limited number of individuals from each of these stakeholder groups can be seated onto a workgroup.

NQF is seeking nominees with relevant expertise in the following areas:

- Quality of care and its intersection with factors including but not limited to age, sex, income, race, ethnicity, disability, language, literacy, sexual orientation, gender identity, geographic location, and the intersection of these factors
- Implementing measure sets for quality reporting and/or payment purposes
- Creating and maintaining multistakeholder buy-in for improvement, measurement, or transformational healthcare initiatives

Please review the CQMC [Disclosure of Interest Policy](#) to learn about how the CQMC identifies potential conflict of interest. All potential Workgroup members must disclose any current and past activities prior to and during the nomination process in order to be considered.

CONSIDERATION

Priority will be given to nominations from CQMC members and/or NQF members when nominee expertise is comparable.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are sought for individual subject matter experts. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve. To nominate an individual to the CQMC Health Equity Workgroup, please **submit** the following information:

- A completed [online nomination form](#), including:
 - A brief statement of interest

- A brief description of nominee expertise highlighting experience relevant to the committee
- A short biography (maximum 100 words), highlighting experience/knowledge relevant to the expertise described above
- Curriculum vitae or list of relevant experience (e.g., publications) *up to 20 pages*
- A completed [disclosure of interest](#) form.
- Confirmation of availability to participate in currently scheduled calls and meeting dates.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All nominations *MUST* be submitted by **6:00 pm ET on Thursday, January 6, 2022.**

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact (202)783-1300 or CQMC@qualityforum.org. Thank you for your interest.