



NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

Continuous Commenting on Measures

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is working to make the Consensus Development Process—our rigorous method for reviewing measures for endorsement—more effective and efficient. This transformation begins with our varied stakeholders participating earlier and more frequently in our work, which will help us get to better measures faster.

To facilitate stakeholder participation, NQF is piloting continuous commenting on measures in our [All-Cause Admissions and Readmissions](#) endorsement project. Stakeholders now have the opportunity to comment on measures at any point in the endorsement process—as opposed to a 30-day period after steering committee deliberations—giving them a stronger voice in endorsement discussions and decisions from beginning to end.

Continuous commenting on measures is critical to creating a more agile, responsive, and user friendly endorsement process for all. It is also an important part of NQF's broader commitment to change how we work with our members and the healthcare community to meet the demands of a changing healthcare system. We encourage our stakeholders to take advantage of this opportunity, and help us shape the future of quality measurement.

Continuous commenting on measures will:

- Allow stakeholders to more frequently engage in measure endorsement decisions;
- Better prepare steering committees to discuss relevant issues raised during the endorsement process; and
- Help shed light on the broader universe of measures currently in development, as well as where gaps still exist.

