

## New Type of PQA Measure: Monitoring Measure

PQA currently develops performance measures and quality improvement indicators (QIIs). A monitoring measure is a new type of measure that does not fit the characteristics or intended use of a performance measure or QII and is defined below.

### Types of PQA Measures

**Performance measures** are intended to evaluate the quality of healthcare processes, intermediate outcomes, or outcomes. PQA performance measures may be used in accountability programs (e.g., public reporting, benchmarking, external comparisons, performance payments). Examples include the PQA-endorsed performance measures, *Proportion of Days Covered: Statins* and *Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes*.

**Monitoring measures** are intended to promote standardized documentation and reporting of healthcare processes, intermediate outcomes, or outcomes. The monitoring measures may be used for standardized reporting requirements for monitoring or surveillance purposes but not for accountability programs. An example is the monitoring measure, *Medication Therapy Problem Resolution*.

**Quality improvement indicators (QIIs)** are intended to assess improvement of healthcare processes, intermediate outcomes, or outcomes from baseline within a population/organization. PQA QIIs may be used for self-assessment (e.g., internal quality improvement), and do not require the use of standardized reporting. Examples include the PQA-approved QIIs, *Provision of MTM Services Post-Hospital Discharge* and *Readmission of Patients Provided MTM Services Post Hospital Discharge*.

### Comparison of Different Types of PQA Measures

#### Comparison Between PQA Performance Measures, Monitoring Measures, and Quality Improvement Indicators

	Performance Measure	Monitoring Measure	Quality Improvement Indicator
<b>PQA MEASURE CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
Pre-established (non-modifiable) measure logic and criteria	X	X	
Meet ALL PQA Measure Criteria <sup>a</sup>	X	May be low in one criterion	
May be risk-adjusted	X		
<b>INTENDED USE</b>			
Self-assessment (e.g., internal quality improvement)	X	X	X
Standardized reporting (e.g., required reporting, monitoring, surveillance)	X	X	
Accountability (e.g., public reporting, benchmarking, performance payments)	X		

<sup>a</sup> Importance, Scientific Acceptability (reliability & validity), Feasibility, Usability/Use