

Update on PQA Performance Measures

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Process for development of measures

Workgroups identify measure concepts



Membership reviews and comments on measure concepts



Quality Metrics Expert Panel (QMEP) selects high-priority concepts based on feasibility and scientific validity

Process for development of measures

Technical specifications are drafted for high-priority measure concepts



QMEP reviews draft technical specifications and testing plan



RFP is released to solicit proposals for testing of draft measures

Process for development of measures

Vendor is selected and then tests the draft measures with “real world” data



QMEP reviews testing results and makes final recommendation



Board of Directors reviews QMEP and staff recommendations for approval of measures

Process for development of measures

Approved measures may be submitted to NQF for endorsement consideration



Approved measures are reviewed annually and updated as necessary



PQA works with NQF and others to promote harmonization across measure sets in the marketplace

PQA measure inventory

- From 2006 to 2009, PQA workgroups have recommended 61 measure concepts for development
- 37 measure concepts have been developed into draft measures with technical specifications
- 25 draft measures have been tested, and 8 more will be tested during 2010 (plus 2 updated measures will be re-tested in 2010)

Two RFPs just released

- During the last week of May, we released 2 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for testing of draft measures
- One RFP includes six measures for evaluation of pharmacies and drug plans including updates of two existing measures
- One RFP includes four draft measures of MTM programs

Medicaid Project

- University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy will be testing the PQA measures with the MS Medicaid program
- Project is being funded by Department of Health & Human Services
- Project begins June 2010 and will conclude in 2011.

Uptake of PQA measures

- NQF has endorsed 7 PQA/NCQA measures
- Several PQA measures have been considered by NCQA, URAC and NABP for their accreditation programs
- CMS has adopted 4 PQA measures for use in evaluating Medicare Part D plans. Several PQA measures were also added to CMS medication-use measure set that can be used by QIOs

PQA measures used by CMS for Part D plan evaluation

- Star Ratings
 - Appropriate treatment of hypertension in persons with diabetes
 - High-risk medications in older adults
- Display Measures
 - Drug-drug interactions
 - Excessive doses of oral diabetes medications

Plans for Near Future

- Less focus on generating new measures and more focus on implementing existing measures
- Targeted efforts to identify gaps in existing measure sets and fill the critical gaps
- Prepare for world of integrated medical, lab and pharmacy data

Creating a national platform ?

- PQA is exploring the feasibility and usefulness of creating a national platform for pharmacy and drug plan performance measurement
- Interviews are being conducted with key stakeholders regarding the prototype
- The Board of Directors has established an ad hoc committee to oversee the development of a business model for this national platform

Questions or Comments ?