QUALITY MEDICATION USE

PQA Measure Retirement Process

As a measure steward, there may be situations where it is appropriate to consider retiring a Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) measure. Potential reasons for considering measure retirement include:

- Evidence or clinical guidelines no longer support the original intent of the measure;
- Lack of use of a measure;
- Development of a new measure that better addresses the need; or
- Significant quality improvement and outcomes by providers and stakeholders has taken place, such that there no longer exists a margin for improvement (i.e., the measure has topped out)

PQA's process for retirement of measures is listed below.

1. Recommendation to Retire PQA Measure
2. Measure Update Panel (MUP) Review
3. Quality Metrics Expert Panel (QMEP) Review
4. Comment Period and All-Member Webinar
5. Membership Vote Recommendation to

Retire PQA Measure

PQA staff, PQA members, or the public may recommend that a PQA-endorsed measure be retired. Recommendations must include a rationale. If applicable, measure users are asked to provide comment on the recommendation to retire the measure.

MUP Review

A proposal to retire the measure includes the recommendation, the rationale, user comments, the advantages and disadvantages of retiring the measure, and potential impact or unintended consequences. This proposal is presented to the MUP for a vote. If the recommendation for measure retirement is approved by the MUP with a greater than 60 percent vote, the proposal is then presented to the QMEP for a vote.

QMEP Review

The MUP recommendations to retire the measure, including the MUP vote and comments, rationale, user comments, advantages, and disadvantages of retiring the measure, and potential impact or unintended consequences, are presented to the QMEP for a vote. The QMEP vote requires a greater than 60 percent approval to move the measure forward for retirement consideration by PQA membership.

Comment Period and All-Member Webinar

After the QMEP vote, a memo and Call for Comments is sent to membership and relevant stakeholders. Following the 15-business day **Comment Period**, PQA staff host an **All-Member Webinar** to review the recommendation to retire the measure and comments received from the comment period.

Membership Vote

Immediately following the All-Member Webinar, PQA membership casts their votes for **Measure Retirement** noting their support (yes), opposition (no), or abstention**.** The voting process takes place electronically and lasts for ten business days. A greater than 60 percent vote in support (of member organizations voting yes or no) is required for a measure to be retired. If the measure is retired, notice will be sent to users of the measure.

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