

Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care Roster Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles

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Introduction

The Endorsement and Maintenance (E&M) process is conducted biannually in the fall and spring to review and make endorsement decisions on submitted measures.

Measures undergoing endorsement review are organized into five projects: Primary Prevention; Initial Recognition and Management; Management of Acute Events, Chronic Disease, Surgery, and Behavioral Health; Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care; and Cost and Efficiency.

Project committees are divided into Advisory Groups (35-40 people) and Recommendation Groups (20-25 people). Advisory Groups provide feedback and questions about the measures under review before the Recommendation Groups render final endorsement decisions.

Committee members are appointed to a 3-year term and will serve on both the Advisory and Recommendation Groups, respectively, throughout their tenure. The Advisory and Recommendation Group assignments in this roster apply to the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles.

Please note, only individual members—and not organizational members—serve on E&M projects. Individual members represent their own perspective and experience.

Biographies are provided by nominees, with typographical and grammatical editing completed by Battelle.

Learn more about membership types and roster categories in the [E&M Guidebook](#).

E&M Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care Committee Roster Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Cycles Members

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Beckwith, Samira	Facility/Institution; Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement Expert)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	Samira K. Beckwith is the Executive VP for public policy at Chapters Health System, assuming this role in May 2023. Previously Samira served as President and CEO of Hope Healthcare since 1991 and is recognized in the health care field. Her expertise and commitment to quality care is acknowledged throughout the state, nationally, and internationally. Samira was appointed to The White House Conference on Aging, served on a panel for the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and testified before the House Judiciary subcommittee on the need for legislation to enable better care and comfort for those at the end of life. Within the state of Florida, she was given special recognition by Governors Ron DeSantis, Rick Scott, and Jeb Bush, having been appointed to their respective committees including the Transition Advisory Committee on Health and Wellness, the Board of Directors for the Florida Center for Nursing, and the Long-Term Care Advisory Committee. As a dedicated champion for palliative care and end-of-life issues, Samira has served as Chair for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. In addition, she is the founding president of the Florida PACE Providers Association and a founding director of the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation.
Campos, Karen	Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Richmond, Virginia	Karen Campos is a certified health education specialist (CHES) with over 8 years of experience in health care quality and performance measurement. In her current role with the American College of Physicians, she manages the Performance Measurement Committee, a group responsible for evaluating performance measures relevant to internal medicine. Her previous measurement work includes developing quality performance measures for radiology and maintaining qualified clinical data registries.

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² Committee members seated in October 2023 received a random term period of 2 or 3 years. Committee members seated in October 2024 have a 3-year term period.

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Clark, Sheila	Health Equity Expert; Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement Expert)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Elk Grove, California	Ms. Sheila Clark was appointed by the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) board after a national search as the third president and CEO in June 2020. CHAPCA is a 501c3 and was founded in 1983. Prior to CHAPCA, Ms. Clark provided over 28 years of senior leadership service in the hospice and palliative care community, serving patients, families, and those that serve at the bedside.
Dooley, Lea	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Columbus, Ohio	<p>Dr. Lea Dooley has a distinguished 2-decade career in health care and global public health leadership. Dr. Dooley’s international experience showcases expert cross-cultural communication and diplomacy, representing nonprofits and the U.S. government. In her current role, she serves as a subject matter expert on Ryan White 340B compliance, overseeing the administration of 340B funds and federal funding. Dr. Dooley directs quality research, designs care pathways, identifies population health metrics, and fosters departmental relationships for specialized outpatient clinical services that cover HIV, substance use disorder, and transgender care.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>
Dwyer, Kathleen	Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement Expert)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Raleigh, North Carolina	Kathleen Dwyer is an occupational therapist with over 20 years of experience. She currently serves as the Vice President of Compliance at Legacy Healthcare Services, a company that provides rehabilitation and wellness services in skilled nursing facilities, continuing care retirement communities, and free-standing assisted and independent living communities in several states. Kathleen brings expertise in acute and post-acute care rehabilitation, health care compliance, quality improvement, quality measures, billing and coding, and evidence-based practice implementation to achieve optimal clinical outcomes.

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El Zein, Lama	Purchaser/Plan; Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement Expert)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	New York, New York	<p>Dr. Lama El Zein is currently the Senior Medical Director for Population Health and Clinician Engagement at EmblemHealth, where she focuses on care management, chronic disease, and advanced illness programs as well as value-based care. She is a physician executive, a practicing physician, and an educator with many years of experience in Federal Qualified Health Centers, where she worked on many quality improvement projects at Columbia University Medical Center in NY and Summit Medical Group in NJ. She is an adjunct assistant professor of Medicine at Columbia University Center for Family and Community Medicine in NY, a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians as well as the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care, and the past chair of their quality committee. Dr. El Zein graduated from the American University of Beirut and completed her residency in family medicine at Columbia University. She completed a fellowship in palliative care at Montefiore Health System and holds an executive Master of Healthcare Administration from Columbia University School of Public Health.</p>
Fugate, Karie	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Marsing, Idaho	<p>Ms. Karie Fugate is retired after working more than 30 years in the aerospace industry, where she held positions in corporate safety, health and environmental affairs, quality, regulatory compliance, engineering, and supply chain. Some of the experience included process compliance, data analytics/metrics, auditing, and a host of other duties. Ms. Fugate's experience with the U.S. health care system includes patient safety and advocacy due to family and friends' medical issues, which have included hip replacement, atrial fibrillation, end-stage renal disease, kidney transplant, epilepsy, cancer, pancreatitis, COPD, and the various hospitalizations and medical care involved with each. Her interests are varied and include data analytics, volunteer work, and utilizing her time, skills, and experience to support many groups. The Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care committee's endorsement and maintenance (E&M) of quality performance measures is a great opportunity to provide input from a patient and caregiver perspective.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>

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Galantowicz, Sara	Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert); Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Cambridge, Massachusetts	Sara Galantowicz, MPH, is a Senior Policy Associate at the Human Services Research Institute with nearly 30 years of health policy and disability research and evaluation experience, with an emphasis on measuring and improving health care quality. Her areas of expertise include Medicaid; long-term services and supports for people with disabilities; Medicare post-acute care; hospice; and quality measure/improvement. She has directed multiple federal and state contracts, including analyses of large datasets of Medicare and Medicaid claims, data from electronic health records, and clinical and functional assessment data, that support quality measurement, reporting, and improvement. She additionally brings expertise in survey design and testing, qualitative data collection and technical expert panel facilitation, which, combined with her informal caregiving experience, enables her to approach measure development from the perspective of those receiving services.
Galchutt, Paul	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Researcher	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	<p>Paul Galchutt is the Assistant Director of Engagement with Transforming Chaplaincy (TC) as part of Rush University. TC's mission is to advance spiritual care through research. He is a 2023 Cambia Sojourns Scholar and is currently enrolled with the University of Maryland Baltimore's palliative care PhD program. His Cambia work and dissertation research will focus on improving the content of a palliative care chaplain clinical note as a touchstone for scope of practice. In working toward his thesis, Paul has published on the psychometric properties of single-item instruments that could measure specific whole-person care components to be documented within a palliative care chaplain's clinical note. His passion for supporting people amid serious illness began while working for 10 years as the palliative care chaplain at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Additionally, he is an associate editor for the Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy and is the spiritual care coordinator representative for the State of Minnesota's legislature-mandated Palliative Care Advisory Council. Last, he co-chairs a spiritual, religious, and existential (SRE) special interest group with the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Research Collaborative. Paul's passion and SRE expertise are important for assessing a measure's whole person care impact.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>

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Geoffrey, Kimberly	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Health Services Researcher	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Brooklyn, New York	<p>Kimberly graduated with a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology degree with a certificate in Health Policy & Practice from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Her experience spans from contact tracing during the COVID-19 pandemic, to data analysis and visualizations to research and even grants and financial management. She has a passion for public health and is driven by a strong interest in data, health equity, and addressing health disparities. With a background in analyzing and interpreting data for the purpose of monitoring and assessing program results, she is committed to using evidence-based techniques to drive positive changes in public health. She is dedicated to staying at the forefront of current research and methodologies, ensuring that her work contributes to advancing public health practices and policies that promote equity and improve the well-being of communities. Her goal is to leverage her education and skills to make a meaningful impact in the field of public health and contribute to the pursuit of health equity for all.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>
Groves, Brenda	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Topeka, Kansas	<p>Mrs. Brenda Groves serves as the Kansas Quality Improvement Consultant for KFMC Health Improvement Partners. In this role, she brings expertise in health care quality, long-term care, and patient and family engagement to the state and the QIN-QIO region. Mrs. Groves has provided operational management and leadership to large-scale quality improvement initiatives for long-term care including designing, supporting, and leading the development of projects and initiatives to facilitate measurable improvement across the state. Her current role is to lead over 250 nursing home teams in development and implementation of strategies to achieve CMS’s vision of transformational change, empowering them with the tools and resources needed to improve quality of care and quality of life for those they serve. Mrs. Groves holds national certifications as an Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Care Trainer and was awarded Educator of the Year in 2019 by the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>

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Hamilton, Morris ³	Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Raleigh, North Carolina	<p>Dr. Morris Hamilton is an economist with concentrations in health policy and applied econometric methods and a Senior Manager at KPMG LLP. Dr. Hamilton has extensive experience managing work for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), particularly in the post-acute settings for home health and hospice. Dr. Hamilton previously served as the analytic lead for Measure and Instrument Development and Support (MIDS) “Development and Maintenance of Hospice & Home Health Quality Measures,” where he managed mixed methods specialists in the monitoring, development, documentation, and reevaluation of home health and hospice measures for CMS. Dr. Hamilton also provided analytic support for “Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS), Hospice, Home Infusion, and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS): Analysis Support and Monitoring” and “Developing Quality Rating Systems.”</p>
Hiersteiner, Dorothy	Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	<p>Dorothy Hiersteiner is a research associate and the co-director for National Core Indicators (NCI), an effort that began in 1997 to develop indicators and benchmarks of performance across state human service systems. Dorothy also developed and currently directs the State of the Workforce, IDD and AD surveys, used to help states collect data on the stability and quality of the workforce of direct support professionals working with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and direct support workers supporting the aging and physical disability population. Dorothy’s skills in strategic planning and coordination of multiple partner collaborations are critical in her role as coordinator to NCI, whose membership has risen to 48 states including DC. Dorothy’s work with NCI also includes data management and data analysis, report writing and editing, and communications. She has contributed to numerous technical reports, data briefs, manuscripts, and training/TA materials.</p> <p>Dorothy is passionate about data, outcome measurement, evidence-based policy, and social justice and uses these interests to guide her work with NCI.</p>

³ This individual was selected to replace Nazanin Tondravi who declined their nomination after the initial selection process.

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Jersey, Andrea	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Louisville, Georgia	<p>Andrea Jersey is an RN, with 40 years of nursing experience, the majority of which has been in long-term care. She is the Senior Director of Clinical Reimbursement for Ethica Health. She provides oversight, leadership, and strategic direction of the denials management program and clinical programs that impact reimbursement. She provides oversight to the Clinical Assessment Team to ensure the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) processes adhere to state and federal guidelines. Within our organization, Andrea serves as a subject matter expert (SME) for the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) process, Minimum Data Set (MDS), Quality Measures, Quality Reporting Programs, as well as the Prospective Payment System, Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) for Medicare as well as Georgia Medicaid reimbursement. She is passionate about using quality measures/metrics to drive process/system improvements that impact patient outcomes.</p> <p>She has previously served on the technical expert panel (TEP) for the Measurement Gaps and Measure Development Priorities for the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) program for Acumen in 2022. She has also served on the Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review (PRMR) committee for Post-Acute Care/Long Term Care for the 2023-2024 rule-making period.</p>
Jones, Raymond	Researcher; Health Equity Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Birmingham, Alabama	<p>Dr. Raymond Jones is an assistant professor in the Heersink School of Medicine, Department of Medicine - Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Jones serves as the co-leader of Clinical Research & Administration of the UAB Center for Exercise Medicine. He is a trained exercise physiologist with a focus on cardiovascular physiology. His primary research focuses on vascular health and function in aging population, with special emphasis on protective factors to promote successful aging and intervention strategies to improve vascular health, such as exercise and physical activity.</p>

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Jones, Warren	Health Equity Expert; Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Ridgeland, Mississippi	<p>Dr. Warren Jones has over 40 years in health care and policy. He is president of the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. He founded the Mississippi Institute on Minority Health Disparities at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC). He secured approximately \$38 million for programs. As executive director of Mississippi's Medicaid program, he oversaw coverage for 768,000 Mississippians. Using \$4 billion, he implemented the Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home program. Dr. Jones has been recognized in the field of health care and as an educator; he earned the Outstanding Minority Educator in the State of Mississippi, was the first African American president of the American Academy of Family Physicians and served as the chair of the National Advisory Council for the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.</p> <p>He was the first African American associate vice chancellor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, is professor emeritus of Family Medicine, is chair emeritus of the National Medical Association's Family Medicine Section, and previously was Distinguished Professor of Health Policy at UMC. He was chief health officer at Hampton University and NIH Endowed Chair in Health Disparities Research at Dillard University. The recipient of many awards and honors, he holds an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Tougaloo College.</p>
Josberger, Raina	Purchaser/Plan; Researcher; Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Albany, New York	<p>Ms. Raina Josberger has been with the New York State Department of Health for over 25 years. She oversees a team of research scientists, biostatisticians, and data scientists to maximize data use and measures to improve health insurers, systems, facilities, and providers. Ms. Raina strives to achieve quality and efficiency objectives with a targeted focus on health care policy, data analytics, research, reports, and publications.</p>

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Jun, Soojin	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Clinician	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Libertyville, Illinois	<p>Dr. Soojin Jun is a co-founder of Patients for Patient Safety US, a patient safety activist group under the umbrella of World Health Organization (WHO). She is also a board-certified geriatric pharmacist, and an advocate for health equity, medication safety, trauma-informed care, and safety in digital health, among many others. She emphasizes empathy and compassion in health care and co-creating and co-producing care for patients and healing health care to provide the care patients deserve. She has experience in both inpatient and outpatient pharmacy practice, population health in value-based care, and interactive design (before pharmacy).</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>
Keane, Nicole	Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer); Clinician	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Cambridge, Massachusetts	<p>Ms. Nicole Keane is a senior associate at Abt Associates. Ms. Keane has an extensive clinical and health services research background in health care quality improvement, measure development, team-building, and formative evaluation in post-acute, community, and primary care settings. She is an expert project director, task lead, and facilitator for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, CMS, CDC, and AHRQ projects with the enthusiasm and experience to facilitate collaborative quality improvement in areas such as clinical evaluation of COVID-19 data, improving provider opioid prescribing practices, improving cardiac outcomes, capture and dissemination of national innovative health care practices, and coaching state-wide sites (New York and Mississippi) for process improvement at the national level.</p>
Kitko, Lisa	Health Services Researcher; Rural Health Expert	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Rochester, New York	<p>Lisa Kitko is the dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing, where she also serves as a professor of nursing and geriatric medicine and is vice president of the University of Rochester Medical Center. Kitko has extensive clinical research experience with the palliative care needs of persons living with complex chronic conditions and their family caregivers. Kitko's work sheds light on the crucial role of family caregivers in managing heart failure. She has widely disseminated her work and has received numerous national and international awards.</p> <p>Kitko received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh. She earned her master's as a clinical nurse specialist and a PhD in nursing with a minor in gerontology, both from Penn State University.</p>

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Kohler, Andrew	Rural Health Expert; Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Washington, D.C.	Dr. Andrew Kohler is a physician and chairman of the Rappahannock Health Foundation. He is also president of Atlantic Telehealth. Dr. Kohler has an interest in population health and public policy.
Lamb, Gerri	Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert)	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Phoenix, Arizona	Dr. Gerri Lamb is professor emerita at the Arizona State University College of Nursing and Health Innovation. She is a well-known author and researcher on care coordination and case management. She has chaired and served as a content expert on care coordination and performance measurement of care coordination for several national committees at the National Quality Forum, NCQA, the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Academy of Nursing, and AHRQ.
Latif, Omar	Purchaser/Plan; Clinician	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Irvine, California	Dr. Omar Latif has been with Elevance Health since 2009. As the chief medical officer for the Medicare business, he has responsibility for clinical operations including utilization management and case management. Prior to Elevance Health, Dr. Latif was at the management consulting firm of McKinsey and Company. There, he had diverse experience in the payer-provider and pharmaceutical sectors. His previous work ranged from developing and implementing overhaul of a large integrated delivery network to relaunching a pharma client's core therapeutic product. He has clinical practice experience in a variety of settings, including a managed care environment and a large academic medical center. His education includes an undergraduate degree from Harvard, a medical degree from Stanford, internal medicine training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and post-doctoral gastroenterology training at UCLA.
Liss, Yaakov	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Brewster, New York	Dr. Yaakov Liss has been working as a full-time clinical nephrologist for Optum Tristate in NY state and as medical director for the DaVita Celia Dill Dialysis Center in Carmel, NY. In addition, Dr. Liss is the current chair of the Renal Physician Association (RPA)'s Quality, Safety, and Accountability committee, a recent member of the RPA's strategic planning task force, the RPA lead for the Kidney Care Quality Alliance, and a workgroup member of the Advancing Kidney Health through the Optimization of Medication Management (AKHOMM) Initiative. Dr. Liss also received post-graduate training through a nephrology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in 2016.

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Marfeo, Elizabeth	Clinician; Health Services Researcher	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Medford, Massachusetts	Dr. Marfeo is an associate professor within Tufts University, Department of Community Health and the Director of the Health & Productive Aging Lab at Tufts University. Dr. Marfeo is a health services researcher and occupational therapist with 20 years of experience and expertise in development and psychometric evaluation of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) and conducts health policy research to investigate facilitators of productive aging, disability, and quality-of-life outcomes across the adult lifespan (18+ years to end of life). Dr. Marfeo's research specialization and clinical background as an occupational therapist allow her to bridge gaps between health services research and clinical applications of that research within implications for the field of public health and rehabilitation sciences.
Martin, Emily	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Los Angeles, California	Dr. Emily Martin is the Associate Director of Palliative Care and Director of Inpatient Palliative Care Services at UCLA, a UCLA Health Physician Informaticist, and a fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). She earned her medical degree from the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University, completed internal medicine residency and palliative medicine fellowship at the University of California, San Diego, and earned a Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Dr. Martin leads UCLA Palliative Care's quality and safety efforts and serves on several national committees including the AAHPM Quality Committee and the American Radium Society Appropriate Use Criteria Committee on Palliation and Symptom Management.
Matthews, Kyle	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Nevada	Mr. Kyle Matthews serves as a health care volunteer and uses his personal experience to raise awareness on the importance of screening, prevention, and access to diverse treatment options for patients with kidney disease. Patient participant.

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Moore, Shelby	Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Grandview, Washington	Ms. Shelby Moore, a seasoned nonprofit professional with a Master of Public Health degree in nonprofit management, demonstrates a profound commitment to community service. Serving as an executive board member for Women Helping Women Fund Tri-Cities and a Prosser Memorial Health Foundation board member, she actively empowers and enhances health care access. Ms. Moore's expertise spans Prosser Rotary and the Columbia Basin Nonprofit Association, benefiting local and global communities. Her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential underscores her fundraising prowess, ensuring organizational sustainability. As the executive director of Heartlinks, she offers comfort and support to those facing advanced illness and post-acute care needs, aligning perfectly with PQM's mission. With her leadership and expertise, she champions quality performance measures for individuals and families in need.
Nicolla, Jonathan	Other Interested Parties (Measure Developer)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Chicago, Illinois	Mr. Jonathan Nicolla has 10 years of experience in developing, testing, stewarding, facilitating, and measuring quality metrics for specialty palliative care in both academic and non-profit settings. He has successfully led the development of two clinical quality data and reporting registries with national program participation through the Global Palliative Care Quality Alliance (GPCQA) hosted within Duke University and the Palliative Care Quality Collaborative (PCQC) as well as collaborating with the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) to define a set of palliative care quality measures submitted for QCDR approval by CMS.
Outwater-Wright, Sassy	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Salem, Massachusetts	Ms. Sassy Outwater-Wright is the executive director of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (MABVI). She lost her sight at age 3 due to retinoblastoma and has had several rounds of cancer since then. She is a passionate digital accessibility advocate, specializing in technology for people with multiple disabilities, and studying how intersectionality, artificial intelligence, and intersecting marginalizing factors affect people. Patient participant.

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Perez-Protto, Silvia	Clinician	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Cleveland, Ohio	Silvia Perez-Protto is an anesthesiologist and intensivist originally from Uruguay, South America. She worked as an intensivist transplant coordinator in Uruguay, conducting more than 100 organ donation interviews before relocating to the USA. Currently, she is an associate professor of anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. She practices as an intensivist at the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. She is also the Medical Director of the End of Life Center at the Office of Safety, Quality and Patient Experience. Her work is aimed to deliver goal-concordant care by establishing the advance care planning program at the Cleveland Clinic. The specific objectives of the center are to respect patients' preferences, to improve family experience, and to foster caregiver resilience. She is the current president of the Cleveland Clinic Women Professional Staff Association. Dr. Perez-Protto serves as the Medical Director of Lifebanc, Organ Procurement Organization at the NE Ohio.
Piltz, Lori	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	Patient participant.
Puri, Tipu	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Chicago, Illinois	Dr. Tipu Puri is an associate professor and nephrologist at UChicago Medicine providing expert and compassionate consultative nephrology care for patients with kidney disease and in support of referring providers in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings. His specific clinical interests include management and delaying progression of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and improving patient/provider awareness and education about CKD. Dr. Puri currently serves as associate chief medical officer (ACMO) at the University of Chicago Medical Center, part of the UChicago Medicine health system. He works collaboratively with other clinical and operational leaders, nursing leaders, medical staff peers, trainees, and administrative leaders to promote clinical quality, patient safety, value, efficiency, and a superior patient experience at the level of the individual care unit, service line, and specific programmatic areas in our health system with a goal of national leadership in the delivery of high-reliability health care. With extensive experience as a physician and health care leader and having served on the PQM Pre-Rulemaking Measure Review Clinician committee, he is uniquely qualified to represent clinicians and hospitals in the important and collaborative work of identifying relevant, meaningful measures of high-quality, safe, patient-centered care.

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Raygoza, Heather	Clinician	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Lexington, Kentucky	Ms. Heather Raygoza is the manager of a Wound Care Service Line, which includes both inpatient and outpatient departments. She has a background in critical care and is a certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse and certified Foot Care Nurse. She began her career in a general Critical Care Unit as a PCA in 2007/2008. After obtaining her nursing license in 2008, she accepted a role in the same Critical Care Unit. She was able to become balloon pump and open heart certified, TNCC and TCAR certified, as well as a variety of other competencies. The roles and organizations she has worked for have allowed her the opportunity to sit on multiple committees over the last 16 years. In addition, she is currently completing her MSN, MBA at Johns Hopkins.
Regnier, Maria	Rural Health Expert; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Fargo, North Dakota	Ms. Maria Regnier works for an integrated health organization that owns and manages medical clinics, dialysis clinics, critical access hospitals, major medical centers, and long-term care facilities. She has had direct operational oversight of departments in several of these settings and has worked to coordinate the care of patients as they transition between these. She has been actively involved in quality improvement activities and the health system to improve the quality of care, patient experience, and safety of care provided. She is passionate about working with a team to evaluate meaningful measures that will improve the life and health of patients being served by our health care community.
Rosenberg, Eric	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Gainesville, Florida	Dr. Rosenberg is professor and chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Florida. He serves as associate dean for continuing medical education (CME) for the College of Medicine and associate chief medical officer for UF Health Shands Hospital, a 1,000+ bed center in Gainesville, Florida. He has 24 years of experience practicing internal medicine in ambulatory and hospital-based settings and continues to do so. His clinical practice focuses on treating adults with complex chronic diseases. He teaches medical students and resident physicians to care for patients as primary care physicians, hospital internists, and preoperative consultants. His newest educational role entails leading efforts to innovate and expand UF's CME offerings that explore the latest in medical science and clinical practice.

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Schweiger, Andrea	Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement Expert); Clinician	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Mt. Clemens, Michigan	Andrea Schweiger is director of quality and compliance. Andrea has worked her 20-plus career as a nurse in long-term care. She started her career as a certified nursing assistant, became a licensed practical nurse, and then a registered nurse. She has worked at Martha T. Berry MCF for over 17 years in various positions: floor nurse, team leader, unit manager, assistant director of nursing, education coordinator, risk investigation manager, and director of quality and compliance and ethics. She recently received an award at the state level for her efforts for quality improvement. Andrea is a Certified Eden Associate and has been trained in the Eden Alternative for resident-centered care, a QAPI Certified Professional through AAPACN, and a Compliance Certified Professional through The Health Ethics Trust. She has knowledge and experience in LTC regulations and quality measures. Her job is to ensure that rules and regulations established by CMS are followed. Andrea believes that her knowledge and expertise would be helpful when recommending quality measures for consideration.
Seidl, Kristin	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Baltimore, Maryland	Dr. Kristin Seidl is a doctoral prepared nurse who has worked in health care for over 30 years, with 13 years' direct clinical experience and over 18 years of experience in the field of health care quality. Across various leadership roles in a large academic medical center, she has been responsible for understanding and communicating quality measures, the relationship of these measures to clinical care and outcomes, and the impact of these measures to performance-based payment programs and quality designation and rating programs. Dr. Seidl recently served on a state-sponsored adverse events measure workgroup that served to identify state-wide patient safety measures in high-priority clinical areas. She also holds a faculty appointment at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, where she teaches doctoral-level courses about outcome measurement, data analysis, and implementation science.

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Siebert, Carol	Health Equity Expert; Clinician; Other Interested Parties (Quality Improvement and Measurement Expert)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2026	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Dr. Siebert is an occupational therapist who has worked for 34 years with mostly older adults with functional impairments in their homes. Dr. Siebert practiced on a home-based primary care team serving a low socioeconomic, low-literacy older adults in an urban community; this has made her familiar with the disparities in care faced by this population regarding both clinic-based primary care and in transitioning from acute care. For 25 years, Dr. Siebert has been involved in quality monitoring and performance improvement and teaching these concepts to other clinicians and continues to teach clinicians, mostly occupational therapists, about quality metrics and how to use measures to improve practice. Dr. Siebert previously represented the American Occupational Therapy Association in committees related to quality, including serving as a member of The Joint Commission Standards and Survey Committee, the Measures Advisory Committee of PCPI, and, most recently, the NQF Prevention and Population Health Standing Committee.
Staley, Alicia	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Boston, Massachusetts	<p>Ms. Alicia Staley serves as vice president of patient engagement at Medidata. She oversees the Patient Insights Program and works to infuse the patient perspective throughout the product development lifecycle to help engage patients in novel ways. Ms. Staley has over 20 years of experience in software design and information systems management. She is also a three-time cancer survivor, first diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease as a sophomore during college. With an extensive network of patient advocates and non-profit organizations, she collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders to help improve processes and policies that impact cancer care. As a champion of patient advocacy and engagement, she understands the critical issues facing patients in today's complicated health care ecosystem.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>
Sternberg, Donna	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Hampton, Virginia	Ms. Donna Sternberg has been a nurse since 1978, working full-time in this health care environment for over 4 decades. She has seen great changes in the health care environment and strives for accountability and transparency during this time. She currently monitors quality measures for a radiation therapy center and feels that this area of practice is underrepresented in the current MIPS measurement options.

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Swain-Eng, Rebecca	Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert and Health Services Researcher)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Frederick, Maryland	Ms. Rebecca Swain-Eng has over 2 decades of experience in digital quality measures, clinical data registries, and health services research and serves as the CEO/founder of SEA Healthcare. She has a history of collaboration with key regulatory bodies, especially in the domains of advanced illness and post-acute care. Her collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health on both Palliative Care and Assisted Living projects, along with her involvement in the AAHPM Palliative Care Measures, underscores her dedication to enhancing health care quality, reducing costs, and elevating overall value. Ms. Swain-Eng's deep insights into the U.S. health care system and her dedication to value-based transformations make her an invaluable asset to PQM's Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care committee.
Thirlwell, Sarah	Facility/Institution; Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Clinician	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Tampa, Florida	Ms. Sarah Thirlwell has dedicated her career to improving the care of those impacted by serious and advanced illness. She is a registered nurse and health care quality professional with Master of Science degrees in biochemistry and in nursing. She has certification in hospice and palliative nursing and administration and in advanced oncology. She has practiced in acute and post-acute settings, both in private and public sectors, with a focus on palliative and end-of-life care as a nurse, educator, researcher, quality and regulatory specialist, and operational leader. Ms. Thirlwell has engaged in program development and research to establish and apply evidence-based standards of quality care to meet the needs of patients, families, and communities. Her work has been recognized nationally for innovation and quality that enhances outcomes across the spectrum of advanced illness care for patients, caregivers, interdisciplinary team members, and systems.

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Thompson, Heather	Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Lafayette, Louisiana	Ms. Heather Thompson has been working in the field of advanced aging services, hospice, and palliative care for over 20 years. Her service in the health care and advanced illness community has evolved from providing direct care services to patients at the bedside, in both hospitals and home care settings, to now having the honor of leading a team of health care quality professionals who are focused on continuous quality excellence and delivery of a superior health care experience for patients, as well as for their caregivers and families. Her interests in health care are focused on creating seamless transitions throughout a patient’s journey in the health care system, by promoting a health care delivery system that is designed with the patient and employee experience at its heart.
Van Leeuwen, Daniel	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate; Other Interested Parties (Clinical Quality Expert)	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	Arlington, Massachusetts	<p>Daniel is a two-legged, cisgender, old, white man of privilege with disabilities from multiple sclerosis; he’s also known as Health Hats. Daniel has been a nurse for 50 years, working across the continuum of home care, intensive care, behavioral health, and emergency services. He served in clinical quality management and information technology leadership roles in managed care, community service, urban and rural health systems, and consulting. He has been blogging, podcasting, and vlogging for 12 years (https://linktr.ee/healthhats) with the help of his grandsons. Daniel served as a technical and subject matter expert for community research partnerships, and for pain management, clinical decision support, and care planning apps. He is a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Board of Governors member, an NQF Patient and Caregiver Engagement Advisor, and an Innovation and Value Initiative member. He hosts mastermind groups for solo entrepreneurs, podcasters, not-for-profit board members, and those advancing patient industry partnerships. He plays baritone saxophone in a Latin Band in his spare time.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>

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Walters, Ronald	Clinician; Facility/Institution	Advisory	10/2024-9/2027	--	<p>Ronald is a medical oncologist at MD Anderson Cancer Center, and has been a member institution of NQF, for over 40 years and has been heavily involved in numerous NQF panels over the last 15 years.</p> <p>He has his master’s degrees in Business Administration, Healthcare Administration, and Medical Informatics, which gives him a unique perspective from many angles.</p> <p>Ronald has chaired a number of quality reporting initiatives internally (at MDACC) as they sequentially rolled out and stressed the importance of scientifically based, relevant quality measurement and reporting to improve patient care.</p> <p>He co-authored the NQF’s The Care We Need as a chair of a subcommittee of that work.</p> <p>Ronald has had the honor and pleasure of working with every NQF CEO since Ken Kizer and a number of key founders over the years.</p>
Weed, Stephen	Patient, Caregiver, and Patient Advocate	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Oak View, California	<p>Mr. Stephen Weed is an advocate for kidney disease and organ transplantation. His own illnesses and those of immediate family have introduced Mr. Weed to many providers, insurance models, and levels of care from preventive care to hospice. He has learned about cancer, heart disease, mental illness, strokes, kidney, liver, thyroid, and endocrine conditions, among others. He focuses on the practical side of care for chronic illnesses and emphasizes long-term strategies.</p> <p>Patient participant.</p>

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West, Milli	Facility/Institution; Other Interested Parties (Quality Measurement Expert)	Recommendation	10/2023-9/2025	Salt Lake City, Utah	<p>Ms. Milli West leads Intermountain’s Clinical Excellence team of system leaders, quality professionals and local operations leaders accountable for supporting regulatory readiness, clinical effectiveness, safety and risk management, infection prevention and control, experience of care and clinical documentation best practice across the Intermountain system, which includes 33 hospitals, Intermountain Homecare & Hospice, and over 400 ambulatory care sites across the western U.S. Ms. West has over 22 years of experience in the health care industry, including 3 years of frontline clinical patient care and 19 years of work in quality outcomes, safety and high-reliability science, continuous improvement, public reporting, infection prevention, regulatory affairs, accreditation/certification, experience of care and caring, health information management, data collection and analysis, project management, leadership, and change management. She has led multiple initiatives across Intermountain to improve mortality, readmission, infections, length of stay, complications, cost per case, and core measure compliance. The Intermountain system ranks in the top decile in its selected benchmarking performance indicator, which is a composite of publicly reported safety, quality, and experience metrics. She has served on NQF’s All Cause Admissions and Readmissions Committee since 2020 and is excited to now join PQM’s Advanced Illness and Post-Acute Care Committee, continuing to support the national agenda for value-based care.</p>
Wladkowski, Stephanie	Researcher	Advisory	10/2023-9/2026	Bowling Green, Ohio	<p>Dr. Stephanie Wladkowski is the Larry & Patty Benz Professor and an associate professor of social work at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Wladkowski has several years of clinical practice experience as an independent licensed social worker in hospice and palliative care, which directly informs her research and teaching in health, aging, interprofessional education, and end-of-life care. Dr. Wladkowski’s main research interest is focused on live discharge from hospice, or when individuals stop receiving hospice care due to no longer meeting the eligibility requirements. She continues to advance knowledge in this under-researched area through exploring the impact of live discharge on individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers, with careful attention to policy implications and practice opportunities.</p>



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