

Meeting Summary

Cardiology Workgroup Web Meeting 6

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a closed session web meeting for the Cardiology Workgroup on August 5, 2020.

Welcome and Review of Web Meeting Objectives

NQF staff and Workgroup co-chairs welcomed participants to the meeting. NQF staff read the antitrust statement and reminded the Workgroup of the voluntary nature of the CQMC to and the obligation of all participants comply with all applicable laws. NQF staff notified Workgroup members that the meeting is being recorded for the purpose of accurately capturing the discussion for meeting minutes and to allow CQMC members to listen to the meeting for a limited time only. The recording will be destroyed as soon as reasonably practical. NQF staff reviewed the following meeting objectives:

- Reminder for full Collaborative voting
- Full Collaborative measure discussion
- Identify and discuss measure gaps and measures under development

Reminder for Full Collaborative Voting

NQF staff reminded Workgroup members that the Cardiology core set is open for full Collaborative voting until August 25. The ACO/PCMH and Primary Care core set is also open for voting. NQF staff urged voting members of the collaborative to make sure their organization completes voting within this timeframe as it is important to capture as many of the member perspectives as possible.

Full Collaborative Measure Discussion

NQF staff and the co-chairs provided an update on the materials presented to the full Collaborative on July 20. The Collaborative members had almost no questions regarding the Workgroup's recommendations.

Identify and Discuss Measure Gaps and Measures Under Development

NQF staff then transitioned discussion to measure gaps for the core set and measures under development. The Workgroup reviewed both the gaps list originally published with the core set in 2016 and the updated gaps areas identified in a web meeting earlier this year. The Workgroup stressed the need for measures of telemedicine, including rehabilitation, social determinants of health, functional status and disparities, and patient reported outcomes. A Workgroup member noted that functional status and disparities are foundational for other measures. The Workgroup was curious what areas CMS has identified as gaps. CMS shared that in general, it is focused on increasing the use of digital measures and outcome measures. The Workgroup felt that the gap report that is being developed by CQMC will be valuable to developers.

Next Steps

NQF staff shared that this will be the final Cardiology Web Meeting for this cycle of work. Staff asked the Workgroup for feedback for the next cycle of work, specifically asking about how soon to revisit the core set and how to ensure high voting participation. Workgroup members expressed a desire for a high-level review at least annually and to revisit the entire core set at least every other year. They wanted to allow for time for measures to be adopted into programs while making sure the core set reflected the latest measure information. A member suggested that voting in meetings is easier than voting electronically after the meeting as members are already in attendance and discussing the measures. NQF staff thanked the Workgroup for their feedback and their participation in updating the core set.