



Measure Information

This document contains the information submitted by measure developers/stewards, but is organized according to NQF's measure evaluation criteria and process. The item numbers refer to those in the submission form but may be in a slightly different order here. In general, the item numbers also reference the related criteria (e.g., item 1b.1 relates to subcriterion 1b).

Brief Measure Information

NQF #: 0621

Corresponding Measures:

De.2. Measure Title: Non-Diabetic Nephropathy - Use of ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy

Co.1.1. Measure Steward: ActiveHealth Management

De.3. Brief Description of Measure: The percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with proteinuria who are taking an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACE-I) or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)

1b.1. Developer Rationale:

S.4. Numerator Statement: Patients with a current fill for an ACE-I or ARB

S.7. Denominator Statement: All patients aged 18 years and older with a urine protein ≥ 200 mg/g

S.10. Denominator Exclusions: Specific exclusions:

Patients with contraindication to an ACE inhibitor or ARB, including pregnancy, prior angioedema, hypotension, hyperkalemia, rising creatinine, chronic kidney disease stage 3-5 (without dialysis), aortic stenosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, multiple myeloma with treatment, diabetes diagnosis, renal transplant, immunosuppressive therapy

Patient data confirming pregnancy/delivery, pregnancy planning, breastfeeding, hypotension, or refill for Aliskiren in the past 6 months

General exclusions:

- Evidence of metastatic disease or active treatment of malignancy (chemotherapy or radiation therapy) in the last 6 months;
- Patients who have been in a skilled nursing facility in the last 3 months

De.1. Measure Type: Process

S.23. Data Source: Claims, Electronic Health Data, Electronic Health Records, Instrument-Based Data, Other

S.26. Level of Analysis: Health Plan, Other, Population : Regional and State

IF Endorsement Maintenance – Original Endorsement Date: Dec 04, 2009 **Most Recent Endorsement Date:** Dec 04, 2009

IF this measure is included in a composite, NQF Composite#/title:

IF this measure is paired/grouped, NQF#/title:

De.4. IF PAIRED/GROUPED, what is the reason this measure must be reported with other measures to appropriately interpret results?

1. Evidence, Performance Gap, Priority – Importance to Measure and Report

Extent to which the specific measure focus is evidence-based, important to making significant gains in healthcare quality, and improving health outcomes for a specific high-priority (high-impact) aspect of healthcare where there is variation in or overall less-than-optimal performance. **Measures must be judged to meet all subcriteria to pass this criterion and be evaluated against the remaining criteria.**

1a. Evidence to Support the Measure Focus – See attached Evidence Submission Form

[0621_Evidence_MSF5.0_Data-635278487379590836.doc](#)

1b. Performance Gap

Demonstration of quality problems and opportunity for improvement, i.e., data demonstrating:

- considerable variation, or overall less-than-optimal performance, in the quality of care across providers; and/or
- disparities in care across population groups.

1b.1. Briefly explain the rationale for this measure (e.g., the benefits or improvements in quality envisioned by use of this measure)

1b.2. Provide performance scores on the measure as specified (current and over time) at the specified level of analysis. (This is required for endorsement maintenance. Include mean, std dev, min, max, interquartile range, scores by decile. Describe the data source including number of measured entities; number of patients; dates of data; if a sample, characteristics of the entities included.) This information also will be used to address the subcriterion on improvement (4b.1) under Usability and Use.

1b.3. If no or limited performance data on the measure as specified is reported in 1b2, then provide a summary of data from the literature that indicates opportunity for improvement or overall less than optimal performance on the specific focus of measurement.

1b.4. Provide disparities data from the measure as specified (current and over time) by population group, e.g., by race/ethnicity, gender, age, insurance status, socioeconomic status, and/or disability. (This is required for endorsement maintenance. Describe the data source including number of measured entities; number of patients; dates of data; if a sample, characteristics of the entities include.) This information also will be used to address the subcriterion on improvement (4b.1) under Usability and Use.

1b.5. If no or limited data on disparities from the measure as specified is reported in 1b4, then provide a summary of data from the literature that addresses disparities in care on the specific focus of measurement. Include citations.

1c. High Priority (previously referred to as High Impact)

The measure addresses:

- a specific national health goal/priority identified by DHHS or the National Priorities Partnership convened by NQF; OR
- a demonstrated high-priority (high-impact) aspect of healthcare (e.g., affects large numbers of patients and/or has a substantial impact for a smaller population; leading cause of morbidity/mortality; high resource use (current and/or future); severity of illness; and severity of patient/societal consequences of poor quality).

1c.1. Demonstrated high priority aspect of healthcare

1c.2. If Other:

1c.3. Provide epidemiologic or resource use data that demonstrates the measure addresses a high priority aspect of healthcare. List citations in 1c.4.

1c.4. Citations for data demonstrating high priority provided in 1a.3

1c.5. If a PRO-PM (e.g. HRQoL/functional status, symptom/burden, experience with care, health-related behaviors), provide evidence that the target population values the measured PRO and finds it meaningful. (Describe how and from whom their input was obtained.)

2. Reliability and Validity—Scientific Acceptability of Measure Properties

Extent to which the measure, as specified, produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care when implemented. **Measures must be judged to meet the subcriteria for both reliability and validity to pass this criterion and be evaluated against the remaining criteria.**

2a.1. Specifications The measure is well defined and precisely specified so it can be implemented consistently within and across organizations and allows for comparability. eMeasures should be specified in the Health Quality Measures Format (HQMF) and the Quality Data Model (QDM).

De.5. Subject/Topic Area (check all the areas that apply):

Renal, Renal : Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

De.6. Non-Condition Specific (check all the areas that apply):

S.1. Measure-specific Web Page (Provide a URL link to a web page specific for this measure that contains current detailed specifications including code lists, risk model details, and supplemental materials. Do not enter a URL linking to a home page or to general information.)

www.activehealth.com/nqf-measures-with-articles

S.2a. If this is an eMeasure, HQMF specifications must be attached. Attach the zipped output from the eMeasure authoring tool (MAT) - if the MAT was not used, contact staff. (Use the specification fields in this online form for the plain-language description of the specifications)

This is not an eMeasure Attachment:

S.2b. Data Dictionary, Code Table, or Value Sets (and risk model codes and coefficients when applicable) must be attached. (Excel or csv file in the suggested format preferred - if not, contact staff)

Attachment Attachment: [NQF_621_CODE_SET_2013_FINAL.xlsx](#)

S.3. For endorsement maintenance, please briefly describe any changes to the measure specifications since last endorsement date and explain the reasons.

S.4. Numerator Statement (Brief, narrative description of the measure focus or what is being measured about the target population, i.e., cases from the target population with the target process, condition, event, or outcome)

IF an OUTCOME MEASURE, state the outcome being measured. Calculation of the risk-adjusted outcome should be described in the calculation algorithm.

Patients with a current fill for an ACE-I or ARB

S.5. Time Period for Data (What is the time period in which data will be aggregated for the measure, e.g., 12 mo, 3 years, look back to August for flu vaccination? Note if there are different time periods for the numerator and denominator.)

30 days from claims data or 6 months from patient self-reported data

S.6. Numerator Details (All information required to identify and calculate the cases from the target population with the target process, condition, event, or outcome such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)

IF an OUTCOME MEASURE, describe how the observed outcome is identified/counted. Calculation of the risk-adjusted outcome should be described in the calculation algorithm.

(Words written in all capitals are element names. Please refer to the code set for full description.)

Numerator Rule:

1. One of the following:

- Presence of at least 1 current refill (with 30 day grace period) of ANTIHYPE/ARB-ACEI from claims
- Presence of at least 1 current refill of ANTIHYPE/ARB-ACEI from HIE in the past 3 months
- Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming at least 1 fill of ANTIHYPE/ARB-ACEI drug in the past 6 months
- Presence of feedback from provider or patient that ACEI-ARB therapy is already implemented

See Attachment for Code Set

S.7. Denominator Statement *(Brief, narrative description of the target population being measured)*

All patients aged 18 years and older with a urine protein \geq 200 mg/g

S.8. Target Population Category *(Check all the populations for which the measure is specified and tested if any):*

Populations at Risk

S.9. Denominator Details *(All information required to identify and calculate the target population/denominator such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)*

(Words written in all capitals are element names. Please refer to the code set for full description.)

Denominator rule:

All of the following:

1. Age \geq 18
2. Presence of At Least 1 URINE PROTEIN VALUE for Protein/creatinine ratio \geq 200 mg/g or 24 hour urine protein \geq 200 mg from claims in the last 6 months .

See Attachment for Code Set

S.10. Denominator Exclusions *(Brief narrative description of exclusions from the target population)*

Specific exclusions:

Patients with contraindication to an ACE inhibitor or ARB, including pregnancy, prior angioedema, hypotension, hyperkalemia, rising creatinine, chronic kidney disease stage 3-5 (without dialysis), aortic stenosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, multiple myeloma with treatment, diabetes diagnosis, renal transplant, immunosuppressive therapy

Patient data confirming pregnancy/delivery, pregnancy planning, breastfeeding, hypotension, or refill for Aliskiren in the past 6 months

General exclusions:

- Evidence of metastatic disease or active treatment of malignancy (chemotherapy or radiation therapy) in the last 6 months;
- Patients who have been in a skilled nursing facility in the last 3 months

S.11. Denominator Exclusion Details *(All information required to identify and calculate exclusions from the denominator such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)*

(Words written in all capitals are element names. Please refer to the code set for full description.)

DENOMINATOR EXCLUSION RULE:

One of the Following:

1. Presence of at least 1 TRANSPLANT RENAL (ICD9) diagnosis in the past 24 months from claims
2. Presence of at least 1 TRANSPLANT RENAL (CPT) procedure in the past 24 months from claims
3. Presence of at least 1 current fill IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE RX exists in the past 12 months from claims
4. If Diabetes Adult Validation is confirmed for the patient (see below)
5. If ACE Contraindication is confirmed for the patient (see below)

DIABETES ADULT VALIDATION

All of the following:

1. Patient age \geq 18 years
2. One of the following:
 - a. Presence of at least 1 DIABETES MELLITUS diagnosis from HIE anytime in the past
 - b. Presence of at least 4 DIABETES MELLITUS diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months

- c. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming at least 1 PDD- DIABETES in the past 24 months
- d. All of the following:
 - i. Presence of at least 1 DIABETES MELLITUS diagnosis from claims in the past 5 years
 - ii. One of the following:
 - A. Presence of at least 1 refill of DM MEDS AND SUPPLIES from HIE in the past 12 months
 - B. Presence of at least 2 DM MEDS AND SUPPLIES from claims in the past 12 months
 - C. Presence of at least 2 DM MEDS AND SUPPLIES (HCPCS) procedures from claims in the past 12 months
 - D. Presence of at least 1 INSULIN THERAPY (HCPCS) procedure from claims in the past 12 months
 - E. Presence of at least 1 HBA1C VALUE > 6.5 from claims in the past 12 months

DIABETES VALIDATION EXCLUSION

One of the following:

- 1. Presence of at least 2 HEDIS DIABETES STEROID-INDUCED diagnosis from claims in the past 12 Months
- 2. All of the following:
 - a. Presence of at least 2 GESTATIONAL DM/POLYCYSTIC OVARIES diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months
 - b. Gender female

ACE CONTRAINDICATIONS VALIDATION

One of the following:

- 1. Presence of at least 1 ACEI/CONTRAINDICATIONS diagnosis from claims anytime in the past
- 2. Presence of at least 1 HYPERPOTASSEMIA diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
- 3. Presence of at least 2 HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months
- 4. Presence of at least 1 POTASSIUM lab value > 5.5 from claims in the past 6 months
- 5. Presence of at least 2 AORTIC STENOSIS diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
- 6. Presence of at least 2 HYPOTENSION diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
- 7. PREGNANCY VALIDATION is confirmed for the member (see below).
- 8. CKD STAGE 3 VALIDATION is confirmed for the member (see below).
- 9. CKD STAGE 4 VALIDATION is confirmed for the member (see below).
- 10. Presence of a refill of HYDRALAZINE after a prior ANTIHYPE/ARB-ACEI refill from claims anytime in the past
- 11. Presence of at least 2 consecutive CREATININE lab result with a 20% increase from claims in the past 4 months
- 12. All of the following:
 - a. Presence of at least 2 MULTIPLE MYELOMA diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months
 - b. Presence of at least 1 refill CHEMOTHERAPY exists from claims in the past 12 months
- 13. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming PDD- PREGNANCY PLANNING in the past 6 months
- 14. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming PDD- SYSTOLIC BP result < 100 in the past 3 months
- 15. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming PDD- DIASTOLIC BP result < 60 in the past 3 months
- 16. Presence of a current fill for ALISKIREN from claims anytime in the past
- 17. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming ALISKIREN drug in the past 6 months
- 18. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY PROCREATIVE MNG (ICD9) diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
- 19. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming at least 1 PDD- BREASTFEEDING OBS from claims in the past 6 months
- 20. Presence of at least 1 DELIVERY (ICD9) Diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
- 21. Presence of at least 1 DELIVERY (CPT) Procedure from claims in the past 6 months
- 22. Presence of at least 2 CKD STAGE 5 diagnosis in the past 12 months in the absence of DIALYSIS CHRONIC (CPT) procedure from claims in the past 12 months

CKD STAGE 3 VALIDATION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 2 CKD STAGE 3 diagnosis in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart from claims
2. All of the following are correct:
 - a. Presence of at least 2 CKD – NOS diagnosis in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart from claims
 - b. Presence of at least 1 result for creatinine clearance between 30 and 59 from claims in the past
 - c. If patient age \geq 18 years

CKD STAGE 3 VALIDATION EXCLUSION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 1 TRANSPLANT RENAL (CPT) procedure from claims in the past 12 months
2. Presence of a current fill for CALCIMIMETICS from claims
3. CKD Stage 4 validation is confirmed for the member (see below)
4. CKD Stage 5 validation is confirmed for the member (see below)

CKD STAGE 4 VALIDATION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 2 CKD STAGE 4 diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart
2. Presence of at least 1 CKD STAGE 4 diagnosis from HIE in the past 12 months
3. All of the following:
 - a. Presence of at least 2 CKD – NOS diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart
 - b. Presence of at least 1 result for creatinine clearance between 15 and 29 from claims in the past
 - c. If patient age \geq 18 years

CKD STAGE 4 VALIDATION EXCLUSION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 1 TRANSPLANT RENAL (CPT) procedure from claims in the past 12 months
2. Presence of a current fill for CALCIMIMETICS from claims
3. CKD Stage 5 validation is confirmed for the member (see below)

CKD STAGE 5 VALIDATION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 2 CKD STAGE 5 diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart
2. Presence of at least 1 CKD STAGE 5 diagnosis from HIE in the past 12 months
3. Presence of at least 2 ESRD/DIALYSIS (ICD-9) diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart
4. Presence of at least 1 ESRD/DIALYSIS (ICD-9) diagnosis from HIE in the past 12 months
5. Presence of at least 2 DIALYSIS CHRONIC (CPT) procedures from claims in the past 12 months
6. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming at least 1 PDD- DIALYSIS in the past 12 months
7. All of the following:
 - a. Presence of at least 2 CKD – NOS diagnosis from claims in the past 12 months with at least 3 months apart
 - b. Presence of at least 1 result for creatinine clearance between 0.1 and 14 in the past
 - c. If patient age \geq 18 years

CKD STAGE 5 VALIDATION EXCLUSION

The following exclusion applies: Presence of at least 1 TRANSPLANT RENAL (CPT) procedure from claims in the past 12 months

PREGNANCY VALIDATION

One of the following:

1. Presence of at least 1 HCG (LOINC) lab result > 100 from claims in the past 6 months

2. Presence of patient data via online PHR or telephonic nurse assessment confirming at least 1 PDD- PREGNANCY in the past 6 months
3. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
4. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY RELATED PROCEDURE procedure from claims in the past 6 months
5. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY EXCLUSION diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
6. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months
7. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY INFECTION SCREENING procedure from claims in the past 6 months
8. Presence of at least 1 PREGNANCY HIGH RISK diagnosis from claims in the past 6 months

See Attachment for Code Set

S.12. Stratification Details/Variables (All information required to stratify the measure results including the stratification variables, definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format with at S.2b)

S.13. Risk Adjustment Type (Select type. Provide specifications for risk stratification in S.12 and for statistical model in S.14-15)

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

If other:

S.14. Identify the statistical risk model method and variables (Name the statistical method - e.g., logistic regression and list all the risk factor variables. Note - risk model development and testing should be addressed with measure testing under Scientific Acceptability)

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

S.15. Detailed risk model specifications (must be in attached data dictionary/code list Excel or csv file. Also indicate if available at measure-specific URL identified in S.1.)

Note: Risk model details (including coefficients, equations, codes with descriptors, definitions), should be provided on a separate worksheet in the suggested format in the Excel or csv file with data dictionary/code lists at S.2b.

S.15a. Detailed risk model specifications (if not provided in excel or csv file at S.2b)

S.16. Type of score:

If other:

S.17. Interpretation of Score (Classifies interpretation of score according to whether better quality is associated with a higher score, a lower score, a score falling within a defined interval, or a passing score)

S.18. Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic (Describe the calculation of the measure score as an ordered sequence of steps including identifying the target population; exclusions; cases meeting the target process, condition, event, or outcome; aggregating data; risk adjustment; etc.)

Calculation algorithm (see measure logic above)

1. Determine denominator population
2. Determine population to be excluded from the denominator
3. Subtract excluded population from the denominator population
4. Determine numerator population
5. Divide numerator by the final denominator calculated in step 3

S.19. Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic Diagram URL or Attachment (You also may provide a diagram of the Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic described above at measure-specific Web page URL identified in S.1 OR in attached appendix at A.1)

S.20. Sampling (If measure is based on a sample, provide instructions for obtaining the sample and guidance on minimum sample size.)

IF a PRO-PM, identify whether (and how) proxy responses are allowed.

S.21. Survey/Patient-reported data (If measure is based on a survey, provide instructions for conducting the survey and guidance on minimum response rate.)

IF a PRO-PM, specify calculation of response rates to be reported with performance measure results.

S.22. Missing data (specify how missing data are handled, e.g., imputation, delete case.)

Required for Composites and PRO-PMs.

S.23. Data Source (Check ONLY the sources for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED).

If other, please describe in S.24.

[Claims](#), [Electronic Health Data](#), [Electronic Health Records](#), [Instrument-Based Data](#), [Other](#)

S.24. Data Source or Collection Instrument (Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.)

IF a PRO-PM, identify the specific PROM(s); and standard methods, modes, and languages of administration.

S.25. Data Source or Collection Instrument (available at measure-specific Web page URL identified in S.1 OR in attached appendix at A.1)

S.26. Level of Analysis (Check ONLY the levels of analysis for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED)

[Health Plan](#), [Other](#), [Population : Regional and State](#)

S.27. Care Setting (Check ONLY the settings for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED)

[Other](#)

If other: [We do not differentiate between care settings when testing as we accept data from all care settings](#)

S.28. COMPOSITE Performance Measure - Additional Specifications (Use this section as needed for aggregation and weighting rules, or calculation of individual performance measures if not individually endorsed.)

2a. Reliability – See attached Measure Testing Submission Form

2b. Validity – See attached Measure Testing Submission Form

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3. Feasibility

Extent to which the specifications including measure logic, require data that are readily available or could be captured without undue burden and can be implemented for performance measurement.

3a. Byproduct of Care Processes

For clinical measures, the required data elements are routinely generated and used during care delivery (e.g., blood pressure, lab test, diagnosis, medication order).

3a.1. Data Elements Generated as Byproduct of Care Processes.

If other:

3b. Electronic Sources

The required data elements are available in electronic health records or other electronic sources. If the required data are not in electronic health records or existing electronic sources, a credible, near-term path to electronic collection is specified.

3b.1. To what extent are the specified data elements available electronically in defined fields? (*i.e., data elements that are needed to compute the performance measure score are in defined, computer-readable fields*)

3b.2. If ALL the data elements needed to compute the performance measure score are not from electronic sources, specify a credible, near-term path to electronic capture, OR provide a rationale for using other than electronic sources.

3b.3. If this is an eMeasure, provide a summary of the feasibility assessment in an attached file or make available at a measure-specific URL.

Attachment:

3c. Data Collection Strategy

Demonstration that the data collection strategy (e.g., source, timing, frequency, sampling, patient confidentiality, costs associated with fees/licensing of proprietary measures) can be implemented (e.g., already in operational use, or testing demonstrates that it is ready to put into operational use). For eMeasures, a feasibility assessment addresses the data elements and measure logic and demonstrates the eMeasure can be implemented or feasibility concerns can be adequately addressed.

3c.1. Describe what you have learned/modified as a result of testing and/or operational use of the measure regarding data collection, availability of data, missing data, timing and frequency of data collection, sampling, patient confidentiality, time and cost of data collection, other feasibility/implementation issues.

IF a PRO-PM, consider implications for both individuals providing PROM data (patients, service recipients, respondents) and those whose performance is being measured.

3c.2. Describe any fees, licensing, or other requirements to use any aspect of the measure as specified (*e.g., value/code set, risk model, programming code, algorithm*).

4. Usability and Use

Extent to which potential audiences (e.g., consumers, purchasers, providers, policy makers) are using or could use performance results for both accountability and performance improvement to achieve the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

4a. Accountability and Transparency

Performance results are used in at least one accountability application within three years after initial endorsement and are publicly reported within six years after initial endorsement (or the data on performance results are available). If not in use at the time of initial endorsement, then a credible plan for implementation within the specified timeframes is provided.

4.1. Current and Planned Use

NQF-endorsed measures are expected to be used in at least one accountability application within 3 years and publicly reported within 6 years of initial endorsement in addition to performance improvement.

Planned	Current Use (for current use provide URL)
Public Reporting	
Quality Improvement (Internal to the specific organization)	

4a.1. For each CURRENT use, checked above, provide:

- Name of program and sponsor

- Purpose
- Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included

4a.2. If not currently publicly reported OR used in at least one other accountability application (e.g., payment program, certification, licensing) what are the reasons? (e.g., Do policies or actions of the developer/steward or accountable entities restrict access to performance results or impede implementation?)

4a.3. If not currently publicly reported OR used in at least one other accountability application, provide a credible plan for implementation within the expected timeframes -- any accountability application within 3 years and publicly reported within 6 years of initial endorsement. (Credible plan includes the specific program, purpose, intended audience, and timeline for implementing the measure within the specified timeframes. A plan for accountability applications addresses mechanisms for data aggregation and reporting.)

4b. Improvement

Progress toward achieving the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations is demonstrated. If not in use for performance improvement at the time of initial endorsement, then a credible rationale describes how the performance results could be used to further the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

4b.1. Progress on Improvement. (Not required for initial endorsement unless available.)

Performance results on this measure (current and over time) should be provided in 1b.2 and 1b.4. Discuss:

- Progress (trends in performance results, number and percentage of people receiving high-quality healthcare)
- Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included

4b.2. If no improvement was demonstrated, what are the reasons? If not in use for performance improvement at the time of initial endorsement, provide a credible rationale that describes how the performance results could be used to further the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

4c. Unintended Consequences

The benefits of the performance measure in facilitating progress toward achieving high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations outweigh evidence of unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations (if such evidence exists).

4c.1. Were any unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations identified during testing; OR has evidence of unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations been reported since implementation? If so, identify the negative unintended consequences and describe how benefits outweigh them or actions taken to mitigate them.

5. Comparison to Related or Competing Measures

If a measure meets the above criteria and there are endorsed or new related measures (either the same measure focus or the same target population) or competing measures (both the same measure focus and the same target population), the measures are compared to address harmonization and/or selection of the best measure.

5. Relation to Other NQF-endorsed Measures

Are there related measures (conceptually, either same measure focus or target population) or competing measures (conceptually both the same measure focus and same target population)? If yes, list the NQF # and title of all related and/or competing measures.

5.1a. List of related or competing measures (selected from NQF-endorsed measures)

<p>5.1b. If related or competing measures are not NQF endorsed please indicate measure title and steward.</p>
<p>5a. Harmonization</p> <p>The measure specifications are harmonized with related measures; OR The differences in specifications are justified</p> <p>5a.1. If this measure conceptually addresses EITHER the same measure focus OR the same target population as NQF-endorsed measure(s): Are the measure specifications completely harmonized?</p> <p>5a.2. If the measure specifications are not completely harmonized, identify the differences, rationale, and impact on interpretability and data collection burden.</p>
<p>5b. Competing Measures</p> <p>The measure is superior to competing measures (e.g., is a more valid or efficient way to measure); OR Multiple measures are justified.</p> <p>5b.1. If this measure conceptually addresses both the same measure focus and the same target population as NQF-endorsed measure(s): Describe why this measure is superior to competing measures (e.g., a more valid or efficient way to measure quality); OR provide a rationale for the additive value of endorsing an additional measure. (Provide analyses when possible.)</p>

Appendix
<p>A.1 Supplemental materials may be provided in an appendix. All supplemental materials (such as data collection instrument or methodology reports) should be organized in one file with a table of contents or bookmarks. If material pertains to a specific submission form number, that should be indicated. Requested information should be provided in the submission form and required attachments. There is no guarantee that supplemental materials will be reviewed.</p> <p>Attachment:</p>
Contact Information
<p>Co.1 Measure Steward (Intellectual Property Owner): ActiveHealth Management</p> <p>Co.2 Point of Contact: Madhavi, Vemireddy, mvemireddy@activehealth.net, 212-651-8200-</p> <p>Co.3 Measure Developer if different from Measure Steward: Active Health Management</p> <p>Co.4 Point of Contact: Lindee, Chin, lchin@activehealth.net, 212-590-2674-</p>
Additional Information
<p>Ad.1 Workgroup/Expert Panel involved in measure development</p> <p>Provide a list of sponsoring organizations and workgroup/panel members' names and organizations. Describe the members' role in measure development.</p>
<p>Measure Developer/Steward Updates and Ongoing Maintenance</p> <p>Ad.2 Year the measure was first released:</p> <p>Ad.3 Month and Year of most recent revision:</p> <p>Ad.4 What is your frequency for review/update of this measure?</p> <p>Ad.5 When is the next scheduled review/update for this measure?</p>
Ad.6 Copyright statement:

Ad.7 Disclaimers:
Ad.8 Additional Information/Comments: