

# METRICS & SCORING COMMITTEE: MEASURE RETIREMENT CHECKLIST

The Metrics & Scoring Committee's measure retirement checklist was adopted in June 2015 for the Committee's use when retiring CCO incentive measures. Not all of these criteria must be met before a measure could be retired. Note retired CCO incentive measures may continue as monitoring measures.

## **NO ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (“TOPPED OUT”)**

For example, the statewide rate and all (or most) CCO rates exceed the highest possible benchmark; there is not a higher benchmark that could be adopted; or performance has not yet met the benchmark, but there is clear rationale (e.g., underlying differences in data sources) and no reasonable expectations for further meaningful improvement.

## **MEASURE NO LONGER ADDS MEANINGFUL VALUE**

For example, the measure set already contains measures that focus on the population or domain of interest (e.g., relative importance); a more appropriate or relevant measure exists to address the population or domain that the original measure was intended to address; the measure is redundant or duplicative; the measure is less transformational than other measures in the set, given the need for parsimonious measure selection; there is evidence of unanticipated or unintended consequences of implementing the measure; there is evidence that the measure undermines quality improvement activities or underlying manipulation to 'meet' a measure.

## **SUPPORTING CLINICAL GUIDELINES OR EVIDENCE-BASE HAVE CHANGED**

For example, the measure was based on a clinical guideline which has since changed (e.g., the process of care has been shown to be irrelevant or harmful); review of literature suggests that the measure no longer predicts anything important to the patient (e.g., no longer scientifically acceptable); the measure may be slated for retirement or modification due to change in clinical guidelines, but there is a lag between the measurement year and the retirement or modification date.

## **MEASURE HAS BEEN RETIRED NATIONALLY / PENDING RETIREMENT BY MEASURE STEWARD**

For example, the measure steward (e.g., NCQA, CMS) has recently retired or announced plans to retire the measure from its active set(s); the measure has lost endorsement; or does not have an active measure steward.

## **MEASURE CANNOT BE MEASURED**

For example, the state, CCOs, or providers no longer have the capacity to maintain or report on the measures; the available data cannot be used for the intended purpose of the measure; data for the measure is no longer available or will cease to be available for the measurement year; or low prevalence of a condition or small denominators lead to low reliability and high variation for the measure.