

Guidelines for Measure Governance

Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee

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Purpose:

To define how HPQMC will respond when the steward of an adopted measure changes the specifications of a measure or the data source that feeds the measure.

Assumptions:

1. This only applies to measures that are selected by any user, not to all measures on the comprehensive aligned measure list.
2. The timeframe between HPQMC measure adoption and implementation by any user is 9 months. At the longest stretch, measures are adopted in March and implemented the following January.

Background:

HPQMC selects a measure based on its intent, measurement outcome and whether it meets measure criteria at the time of review. HPQMC does not change or make modifications to the technical specifications as they are written by the measure steward. The measure steward is the authoritative body for any changes to measure technical specifications. Users of the measure accept the technical specifications of that measure as written by the measure steward and any subsequent changes to those specifications by the measure steward.

Guidelines

Measure adoption includes the specifications for the measure as they exist when the measure set is released. If the steward makes changes between this time and the start of the measurement year, *those changes will be reviewed and reconsidered using the following process.*

- If stakeholders or staff note a change **in measure intent or measure definition**, the measure will be presented for review and discussion at HPQMC to determine the best next step. Feedback from potential users of this measure will be considered in any final decisions.
- If stakeholders or staff note a change **in process or technical specifications**, and no change in measure intent or measurement definition, the measure will stay on the list with the updated specifications made by the measure steward. Operational impacts and changes will be to the discretion of the user that selected the measure.
- Measures that use national HEDIS measures or eQMs must use the most current HEDIS specs that apply to the measurement year without adaptation. These are critical to aligned state and federal reporting.