

Selection criteria for priority measures

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Selection criteria for measures that address state priorities and gaps in existing metrics

Performance measures endorsed by national bodies have been assessed as evidence-based, valid and reliable. The following criteria have been developed so that the HPQMC may consider measures that have not been subject to this type of review by national measure bodies.

1. The measure addresses an HPQMC and/or OHPB health priority topic for which there is a gap in the HPQMC Measures Menu.
2. No measures specific to the topic have been endorsed by HPQMC, by national metric endorsing body, or the HPQMC has evaluated the nationally endorsed measures as failing to meet other HPQMC measure selection criteria.
3. Evidence demonstrates that the structure, process, or outcome being measured correlates with improved patient health and/or patient experience. Evidence may include community and consumer experience-informed research.
4. Structured pilot testing or local experience operationalizing the measure has confirmed:
 - a. operational feasibility, including how the metric is collected, scored and reported, and
 - b. face validity or perceived positive impact of metric use on a care process or outcome.

If a measure meets the above criteria, is adopted by the HPQMC, and is selected and implemented for use by OEBC, OHP or PEBB, it may remain in the Measures Menu only if the following additional criteria are met:

1. OHA or another entity approved by the HPQMC assesses the measure for operational feasibility, reliability, validity and impact no later than 18 months after the initial OEBC, OHP or PEBB contractual effective date for incentive use of the measureⁱ, and the results of the assessment are reviewed by the HPQMC and
 - a. confirm measure operational feasibility;
 - b. provide no evidence suggesting poor reliability or poor validity, and
 - c. provide evidence that benefits to members outweigh the risks.
2. OHA or another entity approved by the HPQMC begin to assess the measure for operational feasibility, reliability, validity and impact no later than 36 months after the initial OEBC, OHP or PEBB contractual effective date for incentive use of the measure and the results of the assessment are reviewed by the HPQMC and
 - a. confirm measure operational feasibility,
 - b. provide evidence of reliability and validity, and
 - c. provide evidence that benefits to members outweigh the risks.

ⁱ The first day of the performance period for which the measure was applied for incentive purpose.