

Measure Selection Criteria Worksheet

The priority performance goals of the program being measured are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I. Technical Measure Criterion *				
Potential Criterion	Description	Include	Consider	Exclude
Evidence-based and scientifically acceptable	The measure is NQF-endorsed and has been found to be evidence-based and should produce consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results. For measures that have not been evaluated by NQF, the measure has been developed and/or evaluated by a national or regional body with a rigorous method for development and review (e.g., NCQA).			
Has a relevant benchmark	State, regional or national level performance data are available for the same measure.			
Not greatly influenced by patient case mix	Providers serving more patients with complex illnesses will not be disadvantaged by comparative measurement.			

II. Program-Specific Measure Criterion*				
Potential Criterion	Description	Include	Consider	Exclude
Consistent with the goals of the program	The measure corresponds to a program performance priority.			
Useable and relevant	The intended users (consumers, purchasers, providers and/or policymakers) can understand the results of the measure and are likely to find them useful for quality improvement and decision-making.			
Feasible to collect	The measure can be implemented and data can be collected without undue burden.			
Aligned with other measure sets	The measure aligns with a measure that providers in the program are otherwise required to report and/or for which they are held accountable.			
Promotes increased value	Improving this measure will translate into significant changes in outcomes relative to costs, with consideration for efficiency.			
Present an opportunity for quality improvement	There is a gap between baseline performance and best-practice performance.			
Transformative potential	Improving this measure will fundamentally change care delivery in a desired manner.			
Sufficient denominator size	In order to ensure that the measure is not prone to the effects of random variation, the measure should have a sufficient denominator in the context of the program.			

III. Technical Measure Criterion *				
Potential Criterion	Description	Include	Consider	Exclude
Representative of the array of services provided by the program				
Representative of the diversity of patients served by the program				
Not unreasonably burdensome to payers or providers				
Parsimony (set is limited in number of measures)				

* Tests that each measure should meet