

All-KCQA Conference Call/Webinar

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KIDNEY CARE QUALITY ALLIANCE

ROLL CALL

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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CALL GROUND RULES

- Call/webinar is open to public (registration was required) and a public access file of all materials was made available on the web
- KCQA members participate in agenda items as they arise
- Specific time is provided on agenda for public comment
- All remarks are ***off the record***

AGENDA

1. Welcome, opening remarks
2. Brief overview/background on KCQA-Phase 1
3. Review of major tasks for KCQA-Phase 2
4. Review and approve guiding principles and process for KCQA-Phase 2
5. Environmental scan: overview and discussion
6. Measurement area prioritization: modified Delphi overview and discussion
7. Next steps and public comment

KCQA-PHASE 1 BACKGROUND

- From 2004-2007, KCQA developed measures in the areas of dialysis adequacy, anemia management, vascular access, prevention, and patient education
- During the NQF process, KCQA measures drove CMS to harmonize its specifications with KCQA's
- Two vascular access (physician-level), two patient education (one physician-level, one facility-level), and one influenza immunization measure initially received NQF endorsement
- Measures were tested in 2008-2009
- KCQA/KCP continues to maintain its endorsed measures

RELAUNCH OF KCQA-PHASE 2

- Measure development initiative via KCQA approved by KCP members in January 2014
- Focus for 2014 is 1-2 *related* measures in *one* measurement area
- Goal is measures to be submitted to NQF for endorsement consideration

KCQA-PHASE 2 MAJOR TASKS

1. Approval of KCQA guiding principles and process
2. Environmental scan of ESRD measures
3. Prioritization of measurement areas
4. Identification of measurement concepts for top area
5. Development of specifications for 1-2 related measures
6. Identification of testing plan and algorithm with methodologist, Vince Mor of Brown University, and Testing/Feasibility Workgroup
7. Measure testing (and specifications refinement, if necessary)
8. Completion of other elements of NQF submission form (Importance, Usability and Use)

Target completion: Fall 2014

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROCESS

KCQA STEERING COMMITTEE

- Members: Ed Jones (Co-Chair), Allen Nissenson (Co-Chair), Akhtar Ashfaq, Donna Bednarski, Barbara Fivush, Jay-r Lacson, Chris Lovell, Tom Manley, Ray Hakim, Gail Wick, Shari Ling (CMS Liaison)
 - Has reviewed and recommends Phase-2 guiding principles and process for KCQA member approval
 - Reviewed, advised, and approved environmental scan and measurement area prioritization process

KCQA-PHASE 2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- KCQA-Phase 1 Guiding Principles were reviewed for relevancy to current quality landscape
 - Principles related to “pay-for-performance” were removed
 - Principles edited to indicate focus is on facility-level measures and that prioritization to be based on KCP Blueprint

Does KCQA approve the draft Guiding Principles? (Attachment A, page 1)

KCQA-PHASE 2 PROCESS

- KCQA-Phase 1 Process was reviewed and updated to reflect
 - Role of Co-Chairs and Steering Committee in ensuring a fair, balanced, and transparent process
 - Co-Chairs are not their organization's Lead Representatives, but speak for the Steering Committee to drive fair and balanced consensus
 - Steering Committee members are also committed to driving consensus; if individual is a Lead Representative, committed to note when they are speaking on behalf of their organization vs. Steering Committee

KCQA-PHASE 2 PROCESS (cont.)

- Section added related to transparency of KCQA calls and availability of materials for public comment. (This section has been approved by KCQA members in preparation for this webinar.)
 - During consideration of the “Distribution of Information”/transparency process recommendations, a recommendation was made to add a disclosure of interests process
 - Co-Chairs concur with recommendation for additional disclosure process
 - Steering Committee will develop and bring recommendation to full KCQA for vote

KCQA-PHASE 2 PROCESS (cont.)

– Balance of sections need KCQA approval

- Membership (Attachment A, page 2). Sets for
- Alliance Convener/Administrator (Attachment A, page 2). Sets forth role of KCQA staff/consultants.
- Approval Process (Attachment A, pages 2-4). Sets forth how balloting will be conducted, including minimum timeframes, quorums and approval, disclosure of voting results, etc.
- Appeals (Attachment A, page 4). Sets forth process for appeals to consensus results.

Does KCQA approve these sections of the draft Process?

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

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- **Purpose:** To provide common baseline of ESRD measure landscape that informs
 - Measurement area prioritization process (i.e., what (sub)domains have measures available, from what developer, NQF endorsement status, etc.)
 - Identification of measure concepts once prioritization is complete
 - Development of specifications once concepts have been selected

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN (cont.)

- **Sources**

- Known measure sources such as the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse, QIP, NQF, DOPPS, etc.
- Searches of published and grey literature
- Queries to KCQA member dialysis organizations for measures they are using for internal quality improvement (IQI) purposes

- **Results**

- 171 measures identified from known measure sources; none from literature (other than those already from known sources)
- 180 IQI measures identified to date (six orgs)

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN (cont.)

- **Results (cont.)**

- Measures have been summarized in five tables

- Number of measures used in QIP by (sub)domain
- Number of measures in each Blueprint (sub)domain for both “known source” measures and IQI measures
- (Sub)domains represented only by IQI measures
- (Sub)domains represented by DOPPS
- Number of measures considered by NQF by (sub)domain

MEASUREMENT AREA PRIORITIZATION THROUGH MODIFIED DELPHI

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

- Will use a modified Delphi approach
- Hallmarks of Delphi process: anonymity of participants; structuring of information flow; regular feedback
- KCQA's modified Delphi to prioritize measurement areas for measure development
 - Two initial prioritization rounds by Lead Representatives, with Steering Committee evaluation of Round 1 leading to development of Round 2 instrument (results anonymous to all but staff and Co-Chairs)
 - All-KCQA review and discussion of results (Lead Reps and other organizational representatives)
 - Round 3 prioritization through on-line instrument

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS (cont.)

- KCQA members asked to prioritize KCP Blueprint (sub)domains as candidate measurement areas against five criteria
 - Clinical Impact (50%)
 - External Impact (5%)
 - Collaboration/Engagement (5%)
 - Feasibility (20%)
 - Usability/Actionability (20%)

(SUB)DOMAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Clinical Impact (50%):** viewed as important by patients, health care professionals, and health care providers; and measures developed in this area are likely to improve survival, reduce hospitalizations, and/or improve patients' health-related quality of life and experience with care.
- **External Impact (5%):** viewed as important by stakeholders such as CMS and Congress and is thus important for public reporting and payment.

(SUB)DOMAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA (cont.)

- **Collaboration/Engagement (5%):** will promote progression towards care coordination and more holistic care delivery; provide increased opportunity for partnership between patients, health care professionals, dialysis facilities, hospitals, other care providers, and CMS; and/or have the potential to address resource utilization.
- **Feasibility (20%):** necessary are readily available, can be captured without undue burden to patients or health care providers, and could be effectively implemented for use in quality improvement and incentive programs.

(SUB)DOMAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA (cont.)

- **Usability/Actionability (20%):** would provide comprehensible and meaningful information to patients, health care professionals, health care providers, and policymakers that could be effectively used in decisionmaking.

ON-LINE PAGE EXAMPLE

KCQA-2 Modified Delphi (Sub)Domain Prioritization Survey, Round 1

Exit this survey

Care Coordination: Subdomain CARE TRANSITIONS

1a. Please rate the following for measure development addressing *Care Transitions*.

	Very High	High	Neutral	Low	Very Low
Clinical Impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
External Impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collaboration/Engagement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feasibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Usability/Actionability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your Comments:

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ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF KCQA MODIFIED DELPHI

- Material has been provided as background starting point: *KCP Blueprint*, environmental scan, excerpts from legislative language, and *CJASN* article on principles and checklist for measure development.
- Word version of on-line form will be provided with surveymonkey link as sample tool
 - Filling out hard copy in advance should make navigation of online tool move more quickly
 - Word version may be fanned out to multiple persons within an organization to provide Lead Representatives input
- *On-line instrument requires answers for all (sub)domains and criteria to move to next screen*

ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF KCQA MODIFIED DELPHI (cont.)

- Educational/Q&A Sessions (not mandatory)
 - May 7, 5:30-6:00 pm ET
 - May 8, 8:30-9:00 am ET
 - May 9, 4:30-5:00 pm ET
 - May 12, 12:00-12:30 pm ET
- Intended primarily for Lead Representatives, but other organizational representatives are welcome to attend.
- **SurveyMonkey will open after this call and remain active until Friday, May 23, 3 pm ET.**

NEXT STEPS

- Steering Committee will develop disclosure of interest process and make recommendation to full KCQA for approval
- Educational/Q&A sessions related to modified Delphi begin tomorrow
- Link to full surveymonkey will be provided to KCQA Lead Representatives immediately after the call
- KCQA Co-Chairs and Steering Committee will review the Round 1 results and staff development of Round 2 material
- Round 2 will commence

PUBLIC COMMENT