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National Quality Forum
1030 Fifteenth Street, NW
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RE: NQF Renal Project

Kidney Care Partners (KCP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Draft Report for the Renal Spring 2018 Cycle. KCP is a coalition of members of the kidney care community that includes the full spectrum of stakeholders related to dialysis care – patient advocates, health care professionals, dialysis providers, researchers, and manufacturers and suppliers – organized to advance policies that improve the quality of care for individuals with both chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. We greatly appreciate NQF undertaking this important work.

As our pre-meeting comments indicated, KCP recognizes and strongly supports the need to improve transplantation rates for patients with End-Stage Renal Disease. The two measures under consideration, however, have significant deficiencies. KCP supports the decisions made by the NQF Renal Standing Committee not to recommend the following two measures:

- NQF 3402: Standardized First Kidney Transplant Waitlist Ratio for Incident Dialysis Patients (SWR)
- NQF 3403: Percentage of Prevalent Patients Waitlisted (PPPW)

Again, thank you for undertaking this important project. We greatly appreciate the Committee's and NQF staff's work. Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa McGonigal, MD, MPH (lmcgon@msn.com or 203.530.9524) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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