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**Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 24, 2012**

1. Approve minutes
2. Discuss rankings of proposed measures (determine if there are any changes to the strong/moderate/weak stratification)
3. Build SQMS from framework – see description of process below:
 - a. To-date, the SQAC has over 200 quality measures that are either mandated or proposed for inclusion in the SQMS. Rather than recommend all 200+ measures unilaterally, the SQAC co-chairs have encouraged committee members to consider the different purposes—both clinical and administrative—served by each measure. Additionally, the Co-chairs encouraged the committee to recommend a limited number of measures to limit the eventual reporting burden on providers. The process described below is one model for guiding the SQAC through the measure selection process.
 - b. The SQAC will be provided with two copies of the attached Table. One copy will be blank, the second will contain all of the mandated and proposed quality measures, with all of the supporting information completed, and some measures highlighted as proposals from the co-chairs.
 - c. The SQAC's task will be to identify measures within the populated Table that are suitable for the various purposes listed, keeping in mind that they can approximately 15 measures for each healthcare setting.
 - d. The completed Table will allow SQAC members to compare similar measures directly, and discuss specific trade-offs between specific measures. Members can recommend that priority areas be removed or added, and can base

- e. decisions on concrete factors such as whether the measure looks at structure, process or outcome, or its recommendation level.

- f. By the end of the meeting, the SQAC will have selected approximately 45 measures—whether mandated or proposed—for inclusion in the Standard Quality Measure Set. Other mandated measures will also technically exist in the SQMS, but these measures will represent the committee’s specific recommendation.