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Ease of Measurement	All necessary data elements are unavailable.	Some necessary data elements are unavailable.	Data elements are available, but attribution elements are poorly defined.	Data and attribution elements are available but field testing has been limited in Massachusetts.	Data and attribution elements are available and field testing is robust, or measure is already publicly reported.
Validity	No evidence is provided regarding validity, reliability, and minimum sample size.	Evidence regarding validity, reliability, and minimum sample size has more deficiencies than strengths.	Evidence regarding validity, reliability, and minimum sample size has both deficiencies and strengths.	Evidence regarding validity, reliability, and minimum sample size is such that the strengths outweigh the deficiencies.	Adequate reliability, stability, and minimum sample sizes are demonstrated, or measure is endorsed by NQF at the indicated provider level.
Field Implementation	The measure has not been implemented in a healthcare market, provider practice, or plan population.	The measure has been implemented in a field environment, but evaluation results are unfavorable or unavailable.	The measure has been implemented in a field environment, and evaluated positively in the literature.	The measure has been implemented in a field environment, and evaluated positively, but not at the indicated provider level.	The measure is publicly reported at the indicated provider level.
Amenable to Provider Intervention	There are no evidence-based interventions that can drive performance on the measure.	There are minimally-evaluated interventions that may drive performance on the measure.	There are evidence-based interventions that have an impact on patient outcomes, but have not demonstrated direct correlation with performance on the measure.	There are evidence-based interventions that drive performance on the measure, but have not been evaluated as delivered by the indicated provider type.	There are standard practice guidelines that fall within the scope of the indicated provider that drive performance on the measure.