
Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting



June 26, 2017



Agenda

- Welcome 3:00 – 3:10
 - April 24 meeting minutes
 - Update on EOHHS Measure Alignment Taskforce
- CHIA's Consumer Transparency Website 3:10 – 4:00
- Review nominated quality measures 4:00 – 4:45
- Next Steps 4:45 – 5:00



Open Call for Measure Proposals

- Open from May 4 to June 15
- Asked that measure nominations
 - Align with the SQAC's priorities:
 1. Appropriateness of hospital-based care
 2. End of life care
 3. Home care
 4. Integration of behavioral health and primary care
 5. Long term services and supports
 6. Maternity care
 7. Opioid use
 8. Post-acute care
 - Fill a gap in the current SQMS



Outreach to Promote the Open Call

End of Life Care:

- The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare
- Hospice & Palliative Care Federation of Massachusetts

Integration of behavioral health and primary care:

- Harold Pincus and Brigitta Spaeth-Rublee at Columbia University Medical Center

Opioid Use:

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Maternity Care:

- Massachusetts chapter of ACOG
- Neonatal Quality Improvement Collaborative of Massachusetts

Appropriateness of Hospital-based Care:

- Boston Children's Hospital via CHIA research team

Professional associations and other stakeholder groups



Outreach to Promote the Open Call

- Massachusetts Medical Society
- Massachusetts Hospital Association
- Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Health Quality Partners



Nominated Quality Measures

- Formal Survey Submissions
 - Total of 23 nominations received
 - 7 of these are already in the SQMS
 - **16 new measures for consideration**
 - Nominations received from commercial payers, state agencies, providers, and researchers
- Recommended Next Steps
 - SQAC staff review the 16 new measure nominations using the SQAC Measure Assessment Tool
 - Discuss initial assessments at next meeting



Other Input We Received

- Staff received an additional 23 measures outside the survey process
 - The Schwartz Center shared 8 measures for end-of-life care to consider
 - Columbia University Medical Center shared 14 primary care/ screening measures that stratify by SMI
 - Mass Medical Society shared CAC-3: Asthmatics discharged with Home Management Plan of Care for consideration



Other Input We Received

- GIC: Reduce number of measures that are not endorsed by key stakeholders (e.g., NQF)
- Outer Cape Health Services: Include screening for social determinants of health risks
- Tufts Health Plan: Report on existing measures by Race, Ethnicity, Language (REL) categories



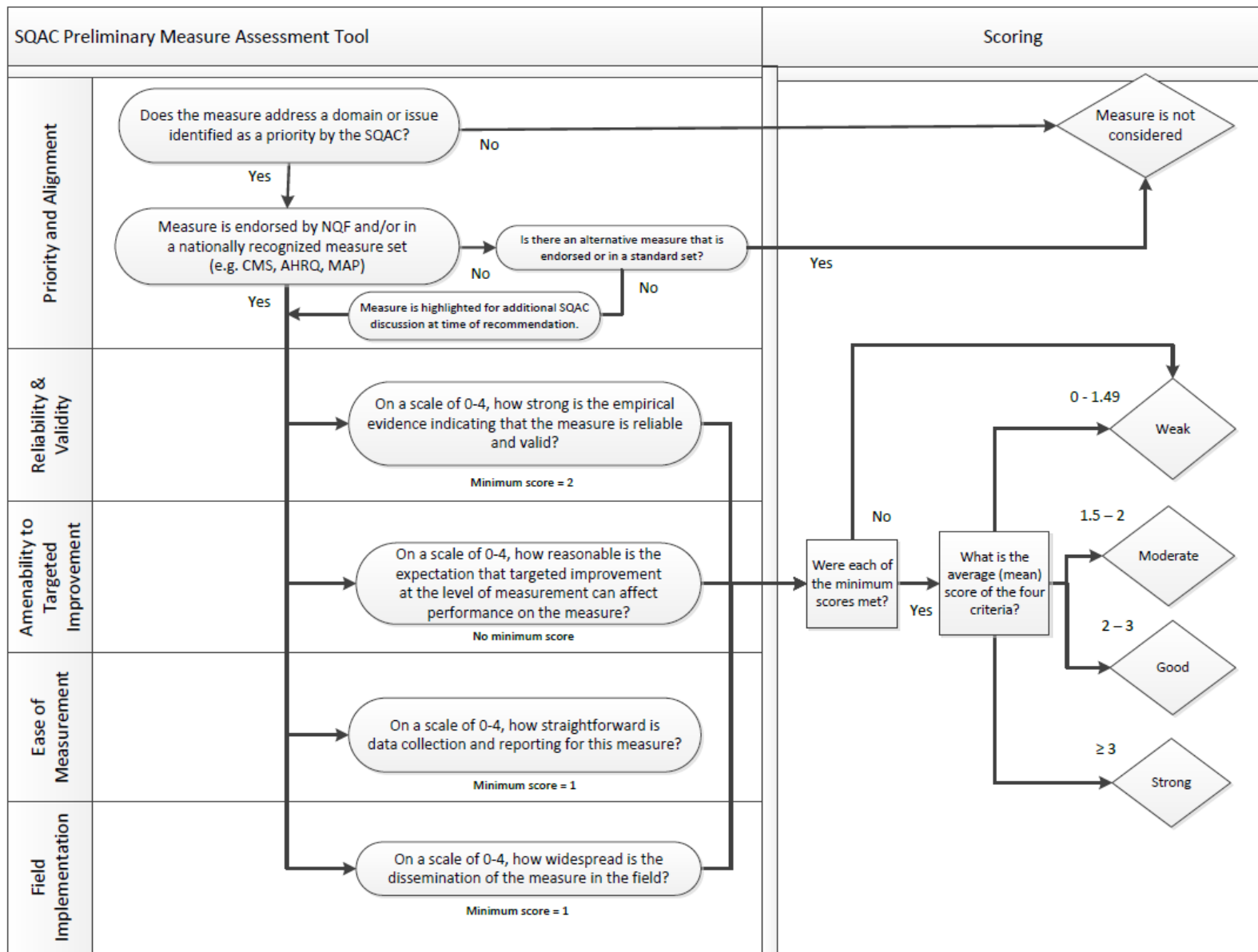
Measure Proposal & Evaluation Process

- Required information with proposals:
 1. Measure name
 2. NQF or other ID #
 3. Measure steward
 4. Data source required
 5. Description of the measure
 6. Level of analysis
 7. Citation(s) for evidence of reliability and validity testing
- Measure evaluation tool

Proposed measures are scored on:

 1. Ease of measurement
 2. Reliability and validity
 3. Field implementation
 4. Potential for improvement





Measure Evaluation Timeline

- Review proposed measures at June 26th SQAC meeting
- Evaluate proposals June 26th – September 11th
- Discuss evaluation scores and recommendations at the September 18th SQAC meeting



Next Steps

Next Meeting

September 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

For more information

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