



Overview of Clinical Quality Measures Reporting in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule on Meaningful Use

Clinical Quality Measures

Clinical quality measures have been defined as measures of processes, experience, and/or outcomes of patient care, observations or treatment that relate to one or more of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) domains of health care quality (e.g., effective, safe, efficient, patient-centered, equitable and timely).

CMS' Measure Selection and Related Information

- Clinical quality measures adopted for the Medicare EHR incentive program would also apply to EPs in the Medicaid EHR incentive program.
- CMS limits the clinical quality measures to those for which electronic specifications are available as of the date of publishing of the final rule. These specifications are available at the CMS website, located at http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage.
- EHR specifications must only be obtained from the specification documents for the EHR incentive program regardless of measure use in other incentive programs.
- All selected clinical quality measures for submission by Medicare and Medicaid eligible professionals for 2011 and 2012 are NQF-endorsed®. However, CMS is not limited to selecting only NQF-endorsed® measures in the future.
- Certified EHR technology must be able to calculate measure numerators, denominators and exclusions for each of the clinical quality measures listed in the Final Rule. These measures are listed in Table 6 below.

Reporting Clinical Quality Measures

- Use of an attestation methodology by EPs to submit summary information to CMS on clinical quality measures to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology for the 2011 reporting year. If the capability exists by CY 2012, HHS may require electronic receipt of the data.
- EPs are required to submit information using certified EHR technology on: *3 core clinical quality measures* (outlined in Table 7 below) and; *3 additional clinical quality measures* (listed in Table 6 below - cannot be core or alternate core measures).
- Although CMS requires all EPs to report core measures, there is no requirement to satisfy a minimum value for any of the numerator, denominator or exclusion fields for clinical quality measures. The value for any or all of those fields, as reported to CMS or the States, may be zero.
- If an EP reports zero values for their three additional clinical quality measures, then for the remaining clinical quality measures in Table 6 (other than the core and alternate core measures), the EP will have to attest that all of the other clinical quality measures calculated by the certified EHR technology have a value of zero in the denominator. If this is done, the EP is exempt from reporting any of the additional clinical quality measures (other than the core and alternate core measures) in Table 6.
- EPs are not penalized in the Stage 1 reporting years (2011-2012) as long as they have adopted a certified EHR and that EHR calculates and the EP submits the required clinical quality information.
- In an effort to avoid duplicative and redundant reporting, efforts are underway to align reporting timeframes across CMS programs. In addition, the Affordable Care Act requires the Secretary of

DHHS to develop a plan by January 1, 2012 to integrate the EHR incentive program and the PQRI by January 1, 2012. In addition, in an attempt to align reporting requirements for Pediatric EPs, the EHR Incentive final rule contains Clinical Quality Measures that are also in the CHIPRA Initial Core Measure Set.

- 19 of the 44 measures listed in Table 6 were re-tooled by the AMA – convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (PCPI).

2011 - Medicaid

- For all applicable Medicaid patients, EPs would have to demonstrate use of certified EHR by capturing data elements and calculating results for CMS.
- States could accept attestation if infrastructure is not available; however,
- It is expected that Medicaid providers will qualify for the incentive payment by adopting, implementing or upgrading to EHR technology and will not need to attest to meaningful use in 2011. It is expected that Medicaid EPs will be utilizing Certified EHR technology to submit to the individual states by the following year.

APPENDIX 1

Clinical Quality Measures for Submission by Medicare or Medicaid Eligible Professionals for Stage 1: 2011 and 2012 Payment Year (Table 6 in the final rule)

Measure Number	Clinical Quality Measure Title & Description	Clinical Quality Measure Developer & Contact Information	Electronic Measure Specifications Information	Core Clinical Quality Measure
PQRI 1 NQF 0059	<p>Title: Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control in Diabetes Mellitus</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who had most recent hemoglobin A1c greater than 9.0%</p>	<p>National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 2 NQF 0064	<p>Title: Diabetes Mellitus: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control in Diabetes Mellitus</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who had most recent LDL-C level in control (less than 100 mg/dl)</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 3 NQF 0061	<p>Title: Diabetes Mellitus: High Blood Pressure Control in Diabetes Mellitus</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who had most recent blood pressure in control (less than 140/80 mmHg)</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 5 NQF 0081	<p>Title: Heart Failure: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and LVSD who</p>	<p>American Medical Association- sponsored Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (AMA-PCPI)</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage</p>	

	were prescribed ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy			
PQRI 7 NQF 0070	Title: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy for CAD Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI) Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD and prior MI who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy	AMA-PCPI Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 110 NQF 0041	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization for Patients = 50 Years Old Description: Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older who received an influenza immunization during the flu season (September through February)	AMA-PCPI Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage	Alternative Core
PQRI 111 NQF 0043	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older Description: Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have ever received a pneumococcal vaccine	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 112 NQF 0031	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening Mammography Description: Percentage of women aged 40 through 69 years who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer within 24 months	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 113 NQF 0034	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Colorectal Cancer Screening Description: Percentage of patients aged 50 through 80 years who received the appropriate colorectal cancer screening	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/20_AlternativeReportingMechanisms.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 6 NQF 0067	Title: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Oral	AMA-PCPI	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_Electronic	

	<p>Antiplatelet Therapy Prescribed for Patients with CAD</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed oral antiplatelet therapy</p>	<p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>Specifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 8 NQF 0083	<p>Title: Heart Failure: Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure who also have LVSD and who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 9 NQF 0105	<p>Title: Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Antidepressant Medication During Acute Phase for Patients with MDD</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older diagnosed with new episode of MDD and documented as treated with antidepressant medication during the entire 84-day (12-week) acute treatment phase</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 12 NQF 0086	<p>Title: Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of POAG who have an optic nerve head evaluation during one or more office visits within 12 months</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 18 NQF 0088	<p>Title: Diabetic Retinopathy: Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	

	diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed which included documentation of the level of severity of retinopathy and the presence or absence of macular edema during one or more office visits within 12 months			
PQRI 19 NQF 0089	<p>Title: Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing On-going Diabetes Care</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed with documented communication to the physician who manages the on-going care of the patient with diabetes mellitus regarding the findings of the macular or fundus exam at least once within 12 months</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 53 NQF 0047	<p>Title: Asthma: Pharmacologic Therapy</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of mild, moderate, or severe persistent asthma who were prescribed either the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 64 NQF 0001	<p>Title: Asthma Assessment</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of asthma and who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who were evaluated during at least one office visit within 12 months for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms.</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
PQRI 66 NQF 0002	<p>Title: Appropriate Testing for Children with</p>	<p>NCQA</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_Electronic</p>	

	<p>Pharyngitis</p> <p>Description: Percentage of children aged 2 through 18 years with a diagnosis of pharyngitis, who were prescribed an antibiotic and who received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode</p>	<p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>Specifications.asp#TopOf Page</p>	
<p>PQRI 71 NQF 0387</p>	<p>Title: Breast Cancer: Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC-IIIC Estrogen Receptor/Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) Positive Breast Cancer</p> <p>Description: Percentage of female patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IC through IIIC, ER or PR positive breast cancer who were prescribed tamoxifen or aromatase inhibitor (AI) during the 12-month reporting period</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOf Page</p>	
<p>PQRI 72 NQF 0385</p>	<p>Title: Colon Cancer: Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer Patients</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IIIA through IIIC colon cancer who are referred for adjuvant, prescribed adjuvant chemotherapy, or have previously received adjuvant chemotherapy within the 12-month reporting period</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOf Page</p>	
<p>PQRI 102 NQF 0389</p>	<p>Title: Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low-Risk Prostate Cancer Patients</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of prostate cancer at low risk of recurrence receiving interstitial prostate brachytherapy, OR external beam radiotherapy to the prostate, OR radical prostatectomy, OR cryotherapy who did not</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOf Page</p>	

	have a bone scan performed at any time since diagnosis of prostate cancer			
PQRI 115 NQF 0027	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Advising Smokers to Quit Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older and are smokers who received advice to quit smoking	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 117 NQF 0055	Title: Diabetes Mellitus: Dilated Eye Exam in Diabetic Patient Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus who had a dilated eye exam	AMA-PCPI Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 119 NQF 0062	Title: Diabetes Mellitus: Urine Screening for Microalbumin or Medical Attention for Nephropathy in Diabetic Patients Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who received urine protein screening or medical attention for nephropathy during at least one office visit within 12 months	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 128 NQF 0421	Title: Adult Weight Screening and Follow-Up Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a calculated BMI in the past six months or during the current visit documented in the medical record AND if the most recent BMI is outside parameters, a follow-up plan is documented.	CMS/Quality Insights of Pennsylvania (QIP) Contact Information: PQRI_inquiry@cms.hhs.gov	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	Core
PQRI 163 NQF 0056	Title: Diabetes Mellitus: Foot Exam Description: The percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes who had a foot examination	NCQA Contact Information: www.ncqa.org	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 197 NQF 0074	Title: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Drug Therapy for Lowering	AMA-PCPI Contact Information:	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	

	<p>LDL-Cholesterol</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed a lipid-lowering therapy (based on current ACC/AHA guidelines)</p>	cpe@ama-assn.org	Page	
PQRI 200 NQF 0084	<p>Title: Heart Failure: Warfarin Therapy for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation</p> <p>Description: Percentage of all patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and paroxysmal or chronic atrial fibrillation who were prescribed warfarin therapy</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: cpe@ama-assn.org</p>	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 201 NQF 0073	<p>Title: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Blood Pressure Management Control</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) who had most recent blood pressure in control (less than 140/90 mmHg)</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
PQRI 204 NQF 0068	<p>Title: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) with documented use of aspirin or other antithrombotic</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	
NQF 0004	<p>Title: Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment: (a) Initiation, (b) Engagement</p> <p>Description: Percentage of adults aged 18 and over diagnosed with AOD abuse or dependence and receiving a related service who initiate treatment Assessment of the degree to</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage	

	which members engage in treatment with two additional AOD treatments within 30 days after initiating treatment			
NQF 0012	<p>Title: Prenatal Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients who gave birth during a 12 month period who were screened for HIV infection during the first or second prenatal care visit</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0013	<p>Title: Blood pressure measurement</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patient visits with blood pressure measurement recorded among all patient visits for patients aged > 18 years with diagnosed hypertension</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	Core
NQF 0014	<p>Title: Prenatal Anti-D Immune Globulin</p> <p>Description: Percentage of D-negative, unsensitized patients who gave birth during a 12-month period who received anti-D immune globulin at 26-30 weeks gestation</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0018	<p>Title: Controlling High Blood Pressure</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients with last BP < 140/80 mm Hg</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0024	<p>Title: Weight Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients 2 -17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a Primary Care Physician (PCP) or OB/GYN and who had evidence of BMI percentile documentation, counseling for nutrition and counseling for physical activity during the measurement year.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	Alternative Core

NQF 0028	<p>Title: Preventive Care and Screening Measure Pair: a. Tobacco Use Assessment, b. Tobacco Cessation Intervention</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who have been seen for at least 2 office visits who were queried about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months b. Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older identified as tobacco users within the past 24 months and have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who received cessation intervention.</p>	<p>AMA-PCPI</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ama-assn.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	Core
NQF 0032	<p>Title: Cervical Cancer Screening</p> <p>Description: Percentage of women 21-64 years of age, who received one or more Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>		
NQF 0033	<p>Title: Chlamydia screening in women</p> <p>Description: Percentage of eligible women who were identified as sexually active that had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0036	<p>Title: Use of appropriate medications for asthma</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients who were identified as having persistent asthma during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who were dispensed a prescription for either an inhaled corticosteroid or acceptable alternative medication during the measurement year.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0038	<p>Title: Childhood Immunization Status</p> <p>Description: Percentage of children 2 years of age who had four DtaP/DT, three IPV, one MMR, three H influenza type B, three</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	Alternative Core

	hepatitis B, one chicken pox vaccine (VZV) and four pneumococcal conjugate vaccines by their second birthday. The measure calculates a rate for each vaccine and two separate combination rates.			
NQF 0052	<p>Title: Low back pain: use of imaging studies</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients with new low back pain who received an imaging study (plain x-ray, MRI, CT scan) conducted on the episode start date or in the 28 days following the episode start date.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0075	<p>Title: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and LDL Control</p> <p>Description: Percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1-November1 of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who had a complete lipid profile performed during the measurement year and whose LDL-C<100 mg/dL.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	
NQF 0575	<p>Title: Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Control (<8.0%)</p> <p>Description: The percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had hemoglobin A1c <8.0%.</p>	<p>NCQA</p> <p>Contact Information: www.ncqa.org</p>	<p>http://www.cms.gov/QualityMeasures/03_ElectronicSpecifications.asp#TopOfPage</p>	

APPENDIX 2

Measure Group: Core for All EPs, Medicare or Medicaid (Table 7 in the final rule)

NQF Measure Number & PQRI Implementation Number	Clinical Quality Measure Title
NQF 0013	Title: Hypertension: Blood Pressure Measurement
NQF 0028	Title: Preventive Care and Screening Measure Pair: a. Tobacco Use Assessment b. Tobacco Cessation Intervention
NQF 0421 PQRI 128	Title: Adult Weight Screening and Follow-up
	<i>Alternative Core Measures</i>
NQF 0024	Title: Weight Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents
NQF 0041 PQRI 110	Title: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization for Patients \geq 50 Years Old
NQF 0038	Title: Childhood Immunization Status