

## **Proposed Modification for HEDIS<sup>®1</sup> 2010: Retirement of Hybrid Methodology for Specific Measures in the Commercial Product line**

NCQA seeks comments on the proposed retirement of the Hybrid Method in the commercial product line for four measures:

- Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life
- Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Years of Life
- Adolescent Well-Care Visits
- Cervical Cancer Screening.

NCQA's ongoing effort to reduce the burden of measure reporting at the plan level is focused on the substantial cost of performing the chart reviews required for the Hybrid Method. Measures reported using the Hybrid Method require data collected through both administrative (claims data) and medical chart review. NCQA investigates the possibility of retiring the Hybrid Method requirements for measures required for NCQA Accreditation whenever feasible.

NCQA staff reviewed data from the past three years (with special attention to 2008), assessing the magnitude and variation of "lift" (i.e., the difference between rates reported using administrative data alone vs. the combined use of chart review and administrative data specified in the Hybrid Method). Analysis identified these four measures, which fit the criteria for moving to administrative-only data collection for the commercial populations.