

## ***HEDIS<sup>®1</sup> Public Comment Overview***

### **HEDIS Overview**

HEDIS is a set of standardized performance measures designed to ensure that purchasers and consumers can reliably compare the performance of health plans. HEDIS is also a model for emerging systems of performance measurement in other areas of health care delivery.

HEDIS is maintained by NCQA, a not-for-profit organization committed to evaluating and publicly reporting on the quality of physicians, health plans, accountable care organizations and other organizations. The HEDIS measurement set contains 88 measures across 6 domains of care.

Items available for public comment are being considered for the HEDIS Measurement Year 2025 publication (released August 2024).

### **HEDIS Measure Development Process**

NCQA's consensus development process involves rigorous review of published guidelines and scientific evidence, as well as feedback from multi-stakeholder advisory panels. The NCQA Committee on Performance Measurement, a panel of independent scientists and representatives from health plans, consumers, federal policymakers, purchasers and clinicians, oversees the evolution of the HEDIS measurement set. Numerous measurement advisory panels provide clinical and technical knowledge required to develop the measures. Additional HEDIS expert panels and the Technical Measurement Advisory Panel provide invaluable assistance by identifying methodological issues and giving input on new and existing measures.

### **Synopsis**

NCQA seeks public feedback on proposed new measures and changes to existing measures.

Reviewers are asked to submit comments to NCQA in writing via the Public Comment website by **5:00 p.m. (ET), Wednesday, March 13.**

### **Submitting Comments**

Submit all comments via NCQA's Public Comment website at <https://my.ncqa.org/>

**Note:** *NCQA does not accept comments via mail, email or fax.*

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## How to Submit a Comment

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1. Go to <https://my.ncqa.org/>.
2. Once logged in, click to select **Public Comments**.
3. Click **Add Comment**.
4. In the **Product** field, click to select **HEDIS Public Comment** from the drop-down menu.
5. Click the **Instructions** link to view public comment materials, including instructions and proposed measure specifications.
6. Click to select the **Topic** and **Element** (measure) on which you want to comment.
7. Click to select your support option (e.g., **Support**, **Do not support**, **Support with modifications**).  
**Note:** *If you chose **Do not support**, include the reason in the text box. If you chose **Support with modifications**, enter the suggested modifications in the text box.*
8. Enter comments in the **Comments** box.  
**Note:** *Comments may not be more than 2,500 characters. We suggest you develop comments in Word to check your character limit, and save a copy for reference. Use the “cut and paste” function to copy your comment into the **Comments** box.*
9. Click **Submit** after each comment. After you have submitted all comments, click **Close**. You will be able to view and download all your submitted comments.

**All comments are due Wednesday, March 13, by 5:00 p.m. ET.**

## NCQA Review of Public Comments

NCQA appreciates the time and effort required to submit comments, and reviews all feedback submitted within the public comment period. Due to the high volume of comments received, NCQA cannot respond to individual comments, but NCQA advisory panels and the Committee on Performance Measurement will consider comments and advise NCQA staff.

## Items for Public Comment

Refer to the NCQA Public Comment page for detailed documentation (memos, specifications, workups, performance data) on the items listed below.

### Proposed New Measures

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- Acute Hospitalization Following Outpatient Surgery
- Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Hypertension
- Documented BI-RADS Assessment After Mammogram
- Follow-Up After Abnormal Breast Cancer Assessment
- Cervical Cancer Screening Follow-Up

### Proposed Changes to Existing Measures

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- Acute Hospital Utilization
- Adult Immunization Status
- Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness
- Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness
- Potentially Harmful Drug-Disease Interactions in Older Adults

## **Cross Cutting Items**

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- Gender-Inclusive Measurement in HEDIS
- Race-Ethnicity Stratifications

Contact NCQA Customer Support at **888-275-7585**, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (ET).