We will begin shortly.
Digital Quality Measurement: Mid-Year News and Preview

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Agenda

ALIGNMENT WITH CMS
HEDIS CQL ENGINE >> OPEN SOURCE
INTEROPERABILITY
Q&A
Alignment with CMS
A co-presentation at the HIMSS 2023 conference emphasized CMS and NCQA are aligned.
The CMS-NCQA alignment, in brief…

The Future

CMS and NCQA share a vision to advance to digital quality measurement to support an interoperable and flexible ecosystem, that ultimately improves care for all patients
A takeaway from our co-presentation with CMS…

NCQA Will Align With Policy-Driven Standards

Our work reflects and fits common standards across organizations.
A takeaway from our co-presentation with CMS…

NCQA Mapping to dQM Data Flows

Today’s 1-way data flows will become bi-directional

Result: Timely, relevant insights to improve care
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NCQA Mapping to dQM Data Flows

NCQA Digital Content Services includes dQMs

PLUS a platform for calculating HEDIS results
HEDIS CQL Engine is Open Source
Wait, what’s an “engine”? 

Think of a calculator for digital HEDIS
HEDIS CQL Engine >> Open Source

What? The BIG Idea

CQL ENGINE

Software that calculates digital HEDIS measure results, using queries written in Clinical Quality Language (CQL)

OPEN SOURCE (FIRELY)

Code available for free for anyone to use, adjust and improve
NCQA Makes Clinical Quality Language Software Open Source

The move should make it easier for developers to understand requirements and test capabilities to work with digital measure content from NCQA.

**So What? Why it matters**

- Align with industry standards
- Democratize digital content
- Evolve and externalize CQL standards to support HEDIS
HEDIS CQL Engine >> Open Source

Now What? Next steps

Get & use the engine code

Coming January 2024

https://github.com/FirelyTeam
Interoperability and NCQA
A takeaway from our co-presentation with CMS:

Our work aligns with common interoperability standards adopted by federal agencies.
The ONC-NCQA alignment, in brief…

HEDIS CORE IG aligns with US CORE IG
The CMS-NCQA alignment, in brief…

HEDIS CORE IG aligns with CARIN IG for Blue Button
Questions
See you next week!

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