

DATE: May 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System: Invitation to Comment on Standard Set of Quality Measures

Enacted in 2008, Minnesota's Health Reform Law requires the Commissioner of Health to establish and maintain a standardized set of quality measures for health care providers across the state.¹ The goal is to create a more uniform approach to quality measurement to enhance market transparency and drive health care quality improvement through an evolving measurement and reporting strategy.

Minnesota's standardized quality measure set resulting from this legislative initiative is called the Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System.² Under this system, physician clinics and hospitals are required to report certain quality measures annually.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) updates the measure set every year, following a process of seeking public comments and recommendations from the community. MDH considers these recommendations and comments as it develops its proposed administrative Rule which establishes reporting requirements for the subsequent year.

A second opportunity to comment on Minnesota's quality measurement set will occur in August or September, when MDH opens a 30-day public comment period in conjunction with the issuance of the proposed Rule.

Today, **MDH invites interested stakeholders to:**

- **Submit recommendations** on the addition, removal, or modification of standardized quality measures for physician clinics and hospitals in accordance with the measure criteria established in Rule; and
- **Review and comment** on the Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee's hospital measure recommendations.³

For reference, current reporting requirements are delineated in the [Appendices to Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 4654](#). Hospital measure recommendations and measure recommendation criteria can be found on our [website](#). As a reminder, physician clinics will

¹Minnesota Statutes, Section 62U.02.

²Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 4654.

³Historically, MDH has received physician clinic measure recommendations from MN Community Measurement (MNCM) and has invited public comment on these recommendations. Because measure recommendations have largely remained consistent in recent years, MDH did not obtain physician clinic measure recommendations from MNCM this year.

begin reporting race, ethnicity, preferred language, and country of origin information to MDH for the Colorectal Cancer Screening, and adult and child Optimal Asthma Control quality measures in 2017. Reporting of this socio-demographic information for the Optimal Diabetes and Vascular Care measures begins in 2018.

Interested persons or groups must submit recommendations, comments, and questions by July 5 to: Denise McCabe, Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882; phone (651) 201-5530; fax (651) 201-201-5179; or email health.reform@state.mn.us. Subscribe to our [Health Reform ListServ](#) for updates on the rulemaking process and other news related to the Quality Reporting System.