

This table is dedicated to [The National Quality Forum \(NQF\)](#) endorsed performance measures. NQF is the congressionally appointed organization that endorses consensus-based national standards for measurement and public reporting of healthcare performance data. NQF participates in a Consensus Development Process that involves nine principal steps. The steps are:

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After an extensive review of the NQF's measures database, it was determined that these measures are the most appropriate for APA member use.

Origin	Title	Description
NQF #0640	HBIPS-2 Hours of physical restraint use	The number of hours that all patients admitted to a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting were maintained in physical restraint per 1000 psychiatric inpatient hours, overall and stratified by age groups: : Children (Age 1 through 12 years), Adolescents (Age 13 through 17 years), Adults (Age 18 through 64 years), Older Adults (Age greater than and equal to 65 years).
NQF #0641	HBIPS-3 Hours of seclusion use	The number of hours that all patients admitted to a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting were held in seclusion per 1000 psychiatric inpatient hours, overall and stratified by age groups: Children (Age 1 through 12 years), Adolescents (Age 13 through 17 years), Adults (Age 18 through 64 years), Older Adults (Age greater than and equal to 65 years).
NQF #0576	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	This measure assesses the percentage of discharges for members 6 years of age and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders and who had an outpatient visit, an intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner. Two rates are reported. Rate 1. The percentage of members who received follow-up within 30 days of discharge Rate 2. The percentage of members who received follow-up within 7 days of discharge.

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NQF #0106	Diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Percentage of patients newly diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) whose medical record contains documentation of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) or Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Primary Care (DSM-PC) criteria being addressed.
NQF #1879	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	The measure calculates the percentage of individuals 18 years of age or greater as of the beginning of the measurement period with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder who are prescribed an antipsychotic medication, with adherence to the antipsychotic medication [defined as a Proportion of Days Covered (PDC)] of at least 0.8 during the measurement period (12 consecutive months). [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan or State Level Measurement only.]
NQF #0418	Screening for Clinical Depression	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older screened for clinical depression using a standardized tool and follow up plan documented.
NQF #0560	HBIPS-5 Patients discharged on multiple antipsychotic medications with appropriate justification	Patients discharged from a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting on two or more antipsychotic medications with appropriate justification
NQF #0203	Restraint prevalence (vest and limb)	Total number of patients that have vest and/or limb restraint (upper or lower body or both) on the day of the prevalence measurement episode.
NQF #0292	Vital Signs	Percentage of patients transferred to another acute hospitals whose medical record documentation indicated that the entire vital signs record was communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of departure
NQF #0296	Nursing Information	Percentage of patients transferred to another acute care hospital whose medical record documentation indicated that nursing information was communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of departure
NQF #0297	Procedures and Tests	Percentage of patients transferred to another acute care hospital whose medical record documentation indicated that procedure and test information was communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of departure
NQF #0327	Risk-Adjusted Average Length of Inpatient Hospital Stay	Percentage of inpatient & outpatients with excessive in-hospital days
NQF #0495	Median Time from ED Arrival to ED Departure for Admitted ED Patients	Median time from emergency department arrival to time of departure from the emergency room for patients admitted to the facility from the emergency department
NQF #0497	Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients	Median time from admit decision time to time of departure from the emergency department for emergency department patients admitted to inpatient status
NQF #0557	HBIPS-6 Post discharge continuing care plan created	Patients discharged from a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting with a continuing care plan created overall and stratified by age groups: Children (Age 1 through 12 years), Adolescents (Age 13 through 17 years), Adults (Age 18 through 64 years), Older Adults (Age greater than and equal to 65 years). Note: this is a paired measure with HBIPS-7: Post discharge continuing care plan transmitted to next level of care provider upon discharge.

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NQF #0725	Validated family-centered survey questionnaire for parents' and patients' experiences during inpatient pediatric hospital stay	<p>This family-centered survey questionnaire consists of 62 questions that assess various aspects of care experiences during inpatient pediatric hospital stays. The dimensions that are included are overall impressions, interactions with nurses, interactions with doctors, the admission and discharge process, home care preparation, medications, pain management, parent involvement, hospital environment, support staff and food. Demographic questions are included at the end of the survey. The majority of the survey questions are categorical in nature. Ordinal measures enable the rating of experiences, dichotomous measures are used to assess if subsequent questions apply to the experiences of parents and the patient but a small number of questions are open-ended to allow any additional or more detailed comments. Survey will be collected for a given time period, e.g. monthly. The target population is one of the parents, 18 years or older, of a child that stayed for at least one day in an inpatient unit at the hospital and was discharged during the previous time period, e.g. the last month. A random sample will be drawn of all discharged parent-patient units and receive the survey. The instrument is currently validated for mail and phone administration and is in English. All questions are asking about experiences during their last inpatient hospital stay. Further steps include validation for web administration and other languages.</p>
NQF #0726	Inpatient Consumer Survey (ICS) consumer evaluation of inpatient behavioral healthcare services	
NQF # 0328	Inpatient Hospital Average Length of Stay (risk adjusted)	Overall inpatient hospital average length of stay (ALOS) and ALOS by medical service category.
NQF # 0552	HBIPS-4: Patients discharged on multiple antipsychotic medications.	Patients discharged on multiple antipsychotic medications.
NQF # 0558	HBIPS-7 Post discharge continuing care plan transmitted to next level of care provider upon discharge	Patients discharged from a hospital-based inpatient psychiatric setting with a continuing care plan provided to the next level of care clinician or entity.
NQF # 0580	Bipolar antimanic agent	This measure identifies the percentage of patients with newly diagnosed bipolar disorder who have received at least 1 prescription for a mood-stabilizing agent during the measurement year.

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NQF # 0719	Children Who Receive Effective Care Coordination of Healthcare Services When Needed	This is a composite measure used to assess the need and receipt of care coordination services for children who required care from at least two types of health care services which may require communication between health care providers, or with others involved in child's care (e.g. school).
NQF # 1365	Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment	Percentage of patient visits for those patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder with an assessment for suicide risk
NQF #0647	Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients (Inpatient Discharges to Home/Self Care or Any Other Site of Care) (Inpatient Discharges to Home/Self Care or Any Other Site of Care)	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, discharged from an inpatient facility to home or any other site of care, or their caregiver(s), who received a transition record (and with whom a review of all included information was documented) at the time of discharge including, at a minimum, all of the specified elements.
NQF #0648	Timely Transmission of Transition Record (Inpatient Discharges to Home/Self Care or Any Other Site of Care)	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, discharged from an inpatient facility to home or any other site of care for whom a transition record was transmitted to the facility or primary physician or other health care professional designated for follow-up care within 24 hours of discharge
NQF #0004	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment	The percentage of adolescent and adult members with a new episode of alcohol or other drug (AOD) dependence who received the following. a. Initiation of AOD Treatment. The percentage of members who initiate treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization within 14 days of the diagnosis. b. Engagement of AOD Treatment. The percentage of members who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional services with a diagnosis of AOD within 30 days of the initiation visit. [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan or State Level Measurement only.]
NQF # 0105	New Episode of Depression: (a) Optimal Practitioner Contacts for Medication Management, (b) Effective Acute Phase Treatment, (c) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	a. Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression and treated with antidepressant medication, and who had at least three follow-up contacts with a practitioner during the 84-day (12-week) Acute Treatment Phase. b. Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression, were treated with antidepressant medication and remained on an antidepressant drug during the entire 84-day Acute Treatment Phase. c. Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression and treated with antidepressant medication and who remained on an antidepressant drug for at least 180 days.
NQF #0649	Transition Record with Specified Elements Received by Discharged Patients (Emergency Department Discharges to Ambulatory Care [Home/Self Care])	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, discharged from an emergency department (ED) to ambulatory care or home health care, or their caregiver(s), who received a transition record at the time of ED discharge including, at a minimum, all of the specified elements
NQF # 0104	Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of major depressive disorder (MDD) who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit during the measurement period

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NQF # 0108	ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication.	a. Initiation Phase: Percentage of children 6 – 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for and ADHD medication and who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30-Day Initiation Phase. b. Continuation and Maintenance (C&M) Phase: Percentage of children 6 – 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase had at least two additional follow-up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation Phase ends.
NQF # 0112	Bipolar Disorder: Level-of-function evaluation	Percentage of patients treated for bipolar disorder with evidence of level-of-function evaluation at the time of the initial assessment and again within 12 weeks of initiating treatment
NQF # 0710	Depression Remission at Twelve Months	Adult patients age 18 and older with major depression or dysthymia and an initial PHQ-9 score > 9 who demonstrate remission at twelve months defined as a PHQ-9 score less than 5. This measure applies to both patients with newly diagnosed and existing depression whose current PHQ-9 score indicates a need for treatment. The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) tool is a widely accepted, standardized tool [Copyright © 2005 Pfizer, Inc. All rights reserved] that is completed by the patient, ideally at each visit, and utilized by the provider to monitor treatment progress. This measure additionally promotes ongoing contact between the patient and provider as patients who do not have a follow-up PHQ-9 score at twelve months (+/- 30 days) are also included in the denominator.
NQF # 0712	Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool	Adult patients age 18 and older with the diagnosis of major depression or dysthymia (ICD-9 296.2x, 296.3x or 300.4) who have a PHQ-9 tool administered at least once during the four month measurement period. The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) tool is a widely accepted, standardized tool [Copyright © 2005 Pfizer, Inc. All rights reserved] that is completed by the patient, ideally at each visit, and utilized by the provider to monitor treatment progress. This process measure is related to the outcome measures of “Depression Remission at Six Months” and “Depression Remission at Twelve Months”. This measure was selected by stakeholders for public reporting to promote the implementation of processes within the provider’s office to insure that the patient is being assessed on a routine basis with a standardized tool that supports the outcome measures for depression. Currently, only about 20% of the patients eligible for the denominator of remission at 6 or 12 months actually have a follow-up PHQ-9 score for calculating remission (PHQ-9 score < 5).
NQF #0107	Management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Percentage of patients treated with psycho-stimulant medication for the diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) whose medical record contains documentation of a follow-up visit at least twice a year.
NQF #0109	Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Assessment for Manic or hypomanic behaviors	Percentage of patients treated for depression who were assessed, prior to treatment, for the presence of current and/or prior manic or hypomanic behaviors.
NQF #0711	Depression Remission at Six Months	Adult patients age 18 and older with major depression or dysthymia and an initial PHQ-9 score > 9 who demonstrate remission at six months defined as a PHQ-9 score less than 5. This measure applies to both patients with newly diagnosed and existing depression whose current PHQ-9 score indicates a need for treatment. The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) tool is a widely accepted, standardized tool [Copyright © 2005 Pfizer, Inc. All rights reserved] that is completed by the patient, ideally at each visit, and utilized by the provider to monitor treatment progress. This measure additionally promotes ongoing contact between the patient and provider as patients who do not have a follow-up PHQ-9 score at six months (+/- 30 days) are also included in the denominator.
NQF #1364	Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder: Diagnostic Evaluation	Percentage of patients aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder with documented evidence that they met the DSM-IV criteria [at least 5 elements with symptom duration of two weeks or longer, including 1) depressed mood (can be irritable mood in children and adolescents) or 2) loss of interest or pleasure] during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified
NQF #1394	Depression Screening By 13 years of age	The percentage of adolescents who turn 13 years of age in the measurement year who had a screening for depression using a standardized tool.

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NQF #1515	Depression Screening By 18 years of age	The percentage of adolescents who turn 18 years of age in the measurement year who had a screening for depression using a standardized tool.
NQF#1507	Risky Behavior Assessment or Counseling by Age 18 Years	Percentage of children with documentation of assessment or counseling for risky behavior. Four rates are reported: assessment or counseling for alcohol use, tobacco use, other substance use, and sexual activity.
NQF #0103	Major Depressive Disorder: Diagnostic Evaluation	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD who met the DSM-IV criteria during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified during the measurement period
NQF # 0008	Experience of Care and Health Outcomes (ECHO) Survey (behavioral health, managed care versions)	52- questions including patient demographic information. The survey measures patient experiences with behavioral health care (mental health and substance abuse treatment) and the organization that provides or manages the treatment and health outcomes. Level of analysis: health plan- HMO, PPO, Medicare, Medicaid, commercial
NQF #0003	Bipolar Disorder: Assessment for diabetes	Percentage of patients treated for bipolar disorder who are assessed for diabetes within 16 weeks after initiating treatment with an atypical antipsychotic agent.
NQF #0316	LBP: Mental Health Assessment	Percentage of patients with a diagnosis of back pain for whom documentation of a mental health assessment is present in the medical record prior to intervention or when pain lasts more than six weeks.
NQF #1401	Maternal Depression Screening	The percentage of children who turned 6 months of age during the measurement year who had documentation of a maternal depression screening for the mother.
NQF #1927	Cardiovascular health screening for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who are prescribed antipsychotic medications	The percentage of individuals 18 – 64 years of age with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who were prescribed any antipsychotic medication who received a cardiovascular health screening during the measurement year. [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan and State level measurement only.]
NQF #1933	Cardiovascular monitoring for people with cardiovascular disease and schizophrenia (SMC)	The percentage of individuals 18 – 64 years of age with schizophrenia and cardiovascular disease, who had an LDL-C test during the measurement year. [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan and State level measurement only.]
NQF #1934	Diabetes monitoring for people with diabetes and schizophrenia (SMD)	The percentage of individuals 18 – 64 years of age with schizophrenia and diabetes who had both and LDL-C test and an HbA1c test during the measurement year. [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan and State level measurement only.]
NQF #1932	Diabetes screening for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who are prescribed antipsychotic medications (SSD)	The percentage of individuals 18 – 64 years of age with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, who were dispensed any antipsychotic medication and had a diabetes screening during the measurement year. [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan and State level measurement only.]
NQF #1937	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Schizophrenia (7- and 30-day)	The percentage of discharges for individuals 18 – 64 years of age who were hospitalized for treatment of schizophrenia and who had an outpatient visit, an intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner. Two rates are reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The percentage of individuals who received follow-up within 30 days of discharge •The percentage of individuals who received follow-up within 7 days of discharge [Please note this measure is appropriate for Health Plan and State level measurement only.]
NQF #1898	Health literacy measure derived from the health literacy domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of health literacy related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit

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NQF #1892	Individual engagement measure derived from the individual engagement domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of individual engagement related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit
NQF #1896	Language services measure derived from language services domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of language services related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit (C-CAT)
NQF #1905	Leadership commitment measure derived from the leadership commitment domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of leadership commitment to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit
NQF #1901	Performance evaluation measure derived from performance evaluation domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of performance evaluation related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit
NQF #1894	Cross-cultural communication measure derived from the cross-cultural communication domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of cross-cultural communication related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit
NQF #1888	Workforce development measure derived from workforce development domain of the C-CAT	0-100 measure of workforce development related to patient-centered communication, derived from items on the staff and patient surveys of the Communication Climate Assessment Toolkit
NQF #1768	Plan all-cause readmissions : the number of acute inpatient stays during the measurement year that were followed by an acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days and the predicted probability of an acute readmission, for members 18 years of age and older.	This measure is used to assess the number of acute inpatient stays during the measurement year that were followed by an acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days and the predicted probability of an acute readmission, for members 18 years of age and older. Data are reported in the following categories: 1.Count of index hospital stays (denominator) 2.Count of 30-day readmissions (numerator) 3.Average adjusted probability of readmission Note: For commercial, only members 18 to 64 years of age are reported.