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DATE: June 16, 2017

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 (Quality Reporting 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.

- We consider these recommendations and comments as we develop our 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 we open a 30-day public comment period in conjunction with the issuance of the proposed Rule.

During the 2017 session, the Minnesota Legislature enacted a number of changes to the Quality Reporting System, including requiring that MDH work with a broad range of stakeholders to develop a framework for measurement and improvement of quality of health care in Minnesota by June 30, 2018.³ This request for comments does not seek input on the framework. MDH will provide updates on the Quality Reporting System measurement framework initiative—including opportunities for input—in the coming months through Quality Reporting System announcements, our [website](http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/index.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/index.html>), and additional methods.

¹Minnesota Statutes, Section 62U.02.

²Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 4654.

³2017 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 6, Article 4, Section 3.

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON STANDARD SET OF QUALITY MEASURES

MDH invites interested stakeholders to:

- Provide input on **physician clinic measures** and opportunities for alignment;
- Review and comment on the Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee's **hospital measure** recommendations; and
- **Submit recommendations** on the addition, removal, or modification of standardized quality measures for physician clinics and hospitals.

How to Comment

Relevant reference materials include:

- Current reporting requirements: They are delineated in the [Appendices to Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 4654](http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/measures/appendices.pdf) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/measures/appendices.pdf>).
- Physician clinic measure questions, hospital measure recommendations, and measure recommendation criteria can be found on our [Annual Quality Rule Update webpage](http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/ruleupdate) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/measurement/ruleupdate>).

MDH will hold a **public forum on June 22** via teleconference and webinar at which MN Community Measurement will present measure specification changes and Stratis Health will present hospital measure recommendations.

Interested persons or groups must submit comments, recommendations, and questions by July 17 to: Denise McCabe, Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882; phone 651-201-3550; fax 651-201-5179; or email health.reform@state.mn.us.

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