

Agenda IV: Follow-Up from October Advisory Committee Meeting

HCAI Leadership Team

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Discuss Two Options for Measure Selection

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What are we aiming for?

- Each hospital to report around **13 measures** total, including:
 - **Structural** equity measures (to be discussed today)
 - **Stratified quality** measures (4 recommended in October, continued discussion today)
- **Why 13?**
 - Alignment with other state-wide efforts:
 - Covered California (6 measures)*
 - Department of Managed Health Care (13 measures)**

* <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/california-s-marketplace-innovations-driving-health-plan-accountability-quality-and>

** <https://www.dmhc.ca.gov/AbouttheDMHC/DMHCPublicMeetings/OtherMeetings/HealthEquityMaterials.aspx>

Important Points to Consider

The statute requires “measures recommendations” by 12/31/22.

- Recommendations on data submission format and action plans in 2023

Disparities are not the same as overall quality performance.

- High performing hospitals could have many major disparities and low performing hospitals may not have as many.

Some measures, like volume measures, are more effectively analyzed at the state (HCAI) level.

This is the beginning – our collective understanding and insights will grow and evolve.

Option A: Core + Supplemental Quality Measures

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<p>- Structural health equity measure(s)</p> <p><i>To be discussed 11/3</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Confirmed on 10/6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HCAHPS – Would recommend hospital (recommended by AC on 10/3/22 to adopt) 2. HCAHPS – Received information and education (recommended by AC on 10/3/22 to adopt) 3. Hospital-wide readmission rate (recommended by AC on 10/3/22 to adopt) 4. Breastfeeding rate (recommended by AC on 10/3/22 to adopt) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. <p><i>To be discussed 11/3</i></p>

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Option B: All Quality Measures Required

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Committee Discussion: Option A vs. B

	Pros	Cons
Option A: Core + Supplemental Quality Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide flexibility for hospitals to report on measures that align with existing efforts or are otherwise most relevant to their communities - HCAI to receive data across a wider variety of measures, which may yield greater insight into existing disparities and inform future iterations of the reporting program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential for hospitals to “cherry pick” measures
Option B: All Quality Measures Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensures that all hospitals report on all applicable measures that the committee deems highest priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fewer number of measures will be recommended and reported on - Some hospitals will report fewer measures due to applicability constraints

Committee Vote

The Committee votes for one of the following options as a framework for the hospital quality measures selection and reporting process:

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