

## Session 1 – CMS Informational Series – Quality Measures – The Basics

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### **Activity Description:**

The purpose of this activity is to improve the understanding of the basic concepts of quality measures and key elements needed to begin the measure development process. The presentation will review the types of data commonly used in quality measures, the types of quality measures, and the associated strengths and limitations of each. Other ways to classify measures will also be discussed including the National Quality Strategy aims and priorities, Institute of Medicine (IOM) domains of care, scoring methods, care settings and types of composite measures.

**Learning Objectives:** By the end of the presentation, you should be able to:

- A) Identify at least three data sources used for quality measures and at least one advantage and disadvantage for each.
- B) List the three basic types of measures and identify examples of each.
- C) Identify other ways to classify quality measures.

### **Activity Goal:**

The overall goal of this activity is to inform CMS staff, contractors and others who are involved in quality measure development regarding the processes adopted by CMS for the development and maintenance of quality measures to be used in CMS programs. Quality measures that are used by CMS must be of high caliber and ideally should be able to receive endorsement by the National Quality Forum. This informational series will instruct the audience regarding the use of a set of standardized processes adopted by CMS and aligned with the criteria used by the National Quality Forum. The information described in this series will provide the foundation for the participant to develop quality measures meeting the needs of CMS.

### **Instructions for Participation and Credit:**

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