

**MCE Quality Committee**  
**Recommended Quality Measure Selection Criteria**  
**As of February 1, 2016**

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Valid and reliable</b>	<p>The measure will produce consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results. The measure is <u>not</u> required to be a standard HEDIS or CAHPS measure. However, the data sources should be clear and consistent, the measure design should be specific and how the results are calculated using those specifications should be replicable.</p> <p>This is a top priority criteria. If this criteria cannot be met, you should be able to provide justification as to why not and seek technical assistance from available resources.</p>
<b>Representative of the array of services provided and beneficiaries served</b>	The overall measures set will be representative of the array of services provided and of the diversity of patients served, and are likely to vary from Medicare, commercial, and core Medicaid measures due to the types of services provided.
<b>Consistent with state's goals for improved health systems performance</b>	The measure corresponds to a state objective for improved health systems performance (e.g., addresses the triple aims, such as an opportunity for improved quality and/or cost effectiveness).
<b>Not administratively burdensome, i.e., feasible to collect</b>	The measure can be implemented and data can be collected without undue administrative burden. Administrative burden is justified by the need for or the significance of the measure, ie the return is worth the investment.
<b>Aligned with other applicable measure sets</b>	The measure aligns with national and state measure sets and federal and state initiatives whenever possible, however specialized measure sets may be required for special health populations.
<b>Includes a mix of measure types</b>	Includes process, outcome and patient experience measures. Consider the RBA framework of "how much did we do?", "how well did we do it?" and "is anyone better off?" "Is anyone better off" should be considered a priority.
<b>Relevant benchmarks and targets available</b>	There is a methodology for determining benchmark and target performance for the measure. Ideally measures will have baseline performance over time.
<b>Focused on outcomes</b>	To the extent feasible, the measure should focus on outcomes, i.e., improving this measure will translate into significant changes in outcomes relative to costs, with consideration for efficiency.
<b>Identifiable performance owner(s)</b>	The measure must include who will report the performance measure data, and more importantly who will monitor and act on performance results to improve performance. Choosing a measure that cannot be produced will not advance our work. One may need the support of a group or committee if a measure is large in scope.