

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Committee members present: Cara Hull, Kate Hust, Clarence Jones, Sue Knudson, Craig Johnson, David Johnson, Jennifer Lamprecht, Leota Lind, Christine Norton, Angela Olson, Bridget Olson, Carmen Parrotta, Laura Pelaez, Angie Pokharel, Denise Schneekloth, Amanda Strom, Sean Wherry

Committee members absent: Sterling Kowalski, David Kurtzon, Anne Stephen

Staff members present: Liz Cinqueonce, Jess Donovan

Observers: Stephanie Krieg

Welcome – Kate Hust

Kate Hust welcomed members of the committee and completed a roll call of committee members. Observers were welcomed and reminded that only official members of the committee can participate in the discussion.

Kate reviewed the committee charter, provided an overview of the meeting schedule for the year, and reminded members to complete their annual Conflict of Interest (COI) forms.

ACTION ITEM: Measure Review – Kate Hust & Jess Donovan

The committee reviewed three measures that are stewarded by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) – Breast Cancer Screening, Colorectal Cancer Screening, and Cervical Cancer Screening.

Breast Cancer Screening

This measure is stewarded by NCQA and reported to MNMCM by health plans. Of note, the eligible age range will be expanding to 40-74 beginning in MY2025.

Pre-meeting survey results recognized performance gap, high impact on care, low to medium data collection effort, and medium to high effort for improving outcomes, with consensus on the measure's inclusivity and known disparities, especially affecting African American women. Noted limitations in the data include limited ability to stratify by demographic variables due to data being aggregated before being submitted to MNMCM. One committee member suggested submitting feedback to NCQA regarding the value of understanding provider-placed orders and confirmed referrals as a portion of those eligible to better distinguish between clinical best practice and patient compliance.

MOTION BY Cara Hull, seconded by Sean Wherry and Christine Norton to approve recommendation to continue collecting, aggregating, and reporting measure without changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Colorectal Cancer Screening

This measure is stewarded by NCQA and reported to MNMCM *by medical groups*, which allows for more in-depth stratification by demographics.

Pre-meeting survey results recognized the performance gap and known disparities, particularly among Indigenous/Native populations. The measure was rated as having medium-high impact and effort for both data collection and improving outcomes. One committee member suggested submitting feedback to NCQA regarding the value of understanding provider-placed orders and confirmed referrals as a portion of those eligible to better distinguish between clinical best practice and patient compliance.

MOTION BY Denise Schneekloth, seconded by Angela Olson to approve recommendation to continue collecting, aggregating, and reporting measure without changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Cervical Cancer Screening

This measure is stewarded by NCQA and reported to MNMCM by health plans.

Pre-meeting survey results recognized performance gap and known disparities, particularly among Indigenous/Native populations. The measure was rated to have a high impact and medium-high effort for data collection and improvement. Noted limitations in the data include limited ability to stratify by demographic variables due to data being aggregated before being submitted to MNMCM. One committee member suggested submitting feedback to NCQA regarding the value of understanding provider-placed orders and confirmed referrals as a portion of those eligible to better distinguish between clinical best practice and patient compliance.

Summary of Discussion

One committee member asked whether self-collected cervical cancer screening is included in the value set for the measure. Jess and Kate will confirm whether this is included in the value sets post-meeting.

MOTION BY Leota Lind, seconded by Christine Norton to approve recommendation to continue collecting, aggregating, and reporting measure without changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Next MARC Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 7:30-9:00am