

HCBS Measures Are Endorsed and Added to Settings Represented in NQF

On November 29, the National Quality Forum (NQF) informed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that the CAHPS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Measures were fully endorsed and available on the [National Quality Forum home page](#). The endorsement follows ratification by the Executive Committee of the NQF Board in late October and a 30-day appeal period.

The 19 measures are derived from the CAHPS® Home and Community-Based Services Survey and consist of 7 composites, 3 global ratings, 3 recommendation measures, and 6 single-item measures (5 unmet need and 1 physical safety). These are the first NQF-endorsed measures specific to the HCBS setting.

NQF-endorsed measures are considered the gold standard for health care measurement in the United States. An NQF endorsement provides the user with assurance that measures were rigorously tested. Because the CAHPS HCBS Measures align with some of CMS's quality requirements for the various HCBS Medicaid authorities, the measures and the underlying CAHPS survey can assist states in gauging compliance with regulatory requirements pertaining to HCBS programs.

For more details about the CAHPS HCBS Measures, go to NQF #2967 in the [NQF Quality Positioning System](#).