

**NQF ENDORSES SEVERAL HBIPS MEASURES; SEEKS COMMENTS ON REMAINDER.**

The National Quality Forum (NQF) has endorsed the Hospital-Based Inpatient Psychiatric Services (HBIPS) core measures related to multiple antipsychotic medication (HBIPS-4 and HBIPS-5) and discharge continuing care planning (HBIPS 6 and HBIPS 7). These measures were reviewed by an NQF panel convened to review a number of measures related to medication safety and quality. The endorsement process includes review by a steering committee, posting for public comment, and final approval by the NQF membership and board of directors.

HBIPS 1 (screening) and HBIPS 2 and 3 (restraint and seclusion) have been reviewed by an expert panel and are currently available for public comment (*until September 22, 2009*). Go to [www.qualityforum.org/Projects/Hospital\\_Psychiatric\\_Care.aspx?section=PublicandMemberComment2009-08-312009-09-29](http://www.qualityforum.org/Projects/Hospital_Psychiatric_Care.aspx?section=PublicandMemberComment2009-08-312009-09-29) to comment on the measures.

The Joint Commission requires NQF endorsement of measures before performance data is publicly reported.