

PQA Quality Connection

A Bimonthly Digest of PQA News,
Events and Engagement Opportunities



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Insights on Quality Medication Use in Rare Disease



PQA has published a [new report](#) that summarizes the conversations from PQA Convenes: Quality Medication Use in Rare Disease.

Held on November 7, the event featured four discussion panels with the perspectives of patients, caregivers and patient advocates, specialty pharmacies, pharmaceutical industry organizations, and public and private payers. Several factors impacting quality were commonly mentioned across all panels, and each panel identified several opportunities for progress.

Thank you to the more than 100 individuals who attended this PQA Convenes event, all of our speakers and moderators, and the organizations whose generous support made the event and report possible: Pfizer, Novo Nordisk and Jazz Pharmaceuticals. More details are in our recent [blog](#) and see below for details on a February 13 webinar that will review the report's highlights.

Recommendations for Advancing Health Equity with PQA Quality Measures

PQA published on December 20 a new report, [Technical Recommendations for Advancing Health Equity with PQA Quality Measures](#), which details valuable recommendations that serve as a roadmap to more equitably enhance medication use quality measurement.

The recommendations in this report were developed by the PQA Health Equity Technical Expert Panel (TEP), which was convened to focus on practical and meaningful technical approaches that advance PQA's health equity strategy and integrate an equity focus into existing activities.



Health plans and quality programs can apply these recommendations to identify disparities in their performance and build interventions to enhance medication use quality and equity. For questions about this report or the TEP, contact PQA at MeasureUse@PQAalliance.org.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published an advance notice and a proposed rule for Medicare Advantage and Part D. PQA has prepared for our members summaries of each, which can be found in the [Member Resources Library](#).

PQA has appointed individuals from member organizations to serve on the 2025 PQA [Measure Update Panel](#) (MUP) and [Quality Metrics Expert Panel](#) (QMEP). The MUP and QMEP are standing PQA panels that meet monthly starting in January 2025. [Read more](#) about these panels.

February Quality Forum Webinar



[Join us](#) for the next **PQA Quality Forum Webinar on Thursday, February 13, from 1:00-2:00 pm ET, Rare Disease: Addressing Inequities in Care and Improving Quality.**

PQA's Richard Schmitz and Jocelyn Cooper from the Black Women's Health Imperative will focus on addressing inequities in care and improving quality in rare disease.

Reflecting on 2024 Achievements

Micah Cost highlights the achievements of 2024 and reflects on the accomplishments and dedication of the PQA board, team and members.

"All of these exciting and impactful initiatives and programs are made possible thanks to the engagement, support, and contributions of our members and stakeholders, the hard work and expertise of our team, and the leadership and vision of our Board of Directors."

[Read more](#) about five notable highlights from 2024.

First Quarter Stakeholder Advisory Meeting

Join us for the **First Quarter Stakeholder Advisory Meeting (SAM)** on **March 12, from 1-2 pm ET**. SAMs are quarterly, staff-hosted meetings to share current and relevant measure development and maintenance updates with members. Access the registration link via the [Member Resources Library](#).

PQA's 2025 Board of Directors

PQA welcomes four new members to the 2025 Board of Directors. [Learn more](#) about the board and Executive Committee.



Share Your Quality News with PQA



"Five For Friday" is a biweekly celebration of our collective work to improve medication use quality. Catch up on recent editions.

- [Five for Friday, January 17](#)
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PQA's Five for Friday features three stories on our member's work, one on a PQA initiative and ways to

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