



June 19, 2017

Margaret E. O'Kane  
National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)  
Corporate Office  
1100 13th St., NW Suite 1000  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: NCQA's Request to have an Alternative Testing Method Approved by ONC

Dear Ms. O'Kane,

Over the past several months, ONC conducted a thorough review of NCQA's testing method for electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs). NCQA sought to have its testing method approved as an alternative to the ONC Health IT Certification Program's current eCQM testing method. In determining whether to approve NCQA's testing method, ONC considered several factors consistent with ONC Health IT Certification Program policy.

I am pleased to inform you that ONC has approved the testing method NCQA submitted as an acceptable alternative testing method under the ONC Health IT Certification Program. This approval is applicable to the testing methods approved for the certification criteria adopted at 45 CFR 170.315(c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) and the eCQMs explicitly identified by NCQA for testing following its method.

We look forward to working closely with NCQA and hope that our partnership will serve as a catalyst for innovation in the area of testing eCQMs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Rucker, MD".

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