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**APIC Comments to the National Quality Forum (NQF) on
NQF-Endorsed Measures for Care Coordination – Phase 3
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Background

APIC provided comments to the National Quality Forum on two measures with potential impact on infection control of the eleven measures recommended for [Care Coordination](#) by the NQF Standing Steering Committee. APIC submitted the following comments regarding Care Coordination Measures [0295 \(Physician Information\)](#) and [0296 \(Nursing Information\)](#) as they relate to communicable disease and infection information.

APIC Comments

- APIC supports the provision of timely information regarding the patient’s medical diagnosis and assessment of current state illness/disease/care elements when a patient is transferred.
- As it relates to infection prevention, timely information could provide patient status in terms of communicable disease, infection, antibiotic and isolation orders, along with the existence of invasive devices, such as IV, catheters, and respiratory support devices to a receiving facility.
- Comprehensive information sharing when a patient is transferred to another location is important to assure continuity of care. Additionally, reduction in the possibility of cross-transmission opportunities would be enhanced with sharing communicable disease information that is easily found in the transfer records.
- APIC also cautions that although assessing compliance with the provision of this type of information is important, NQF must minimize the burden of data collection for any new measures introduced into the healthcare system.