Standard Quality Measure Set (SQMS) Framework Guide

- Across the horizontal access, the SQMS Framework identifies for each proposed and mandated measure:
  - Data Source (including where the measure is currently reported, if applicable)
  - How the measure fits within the Structure/Process/Outcome domain
  - Whether the measure is mandated as part of the minimum set
  - Level of recommendation (preliminary ranking for proposed measures) – S (strong), M (moderate), W (weak), N (no recommendation)
  - Whether the measure is identified as particularly suitable for a specific purpose

- Down the vertical access, the SQMS Framework categorizes each proposed and mandated measure based on:
  - The care setting in which a measure is most appropriate
  - The priority (and for grouping purposes, sub-priority) area that each measure addresses. In many cases, a measure might address more than one SQAC priority; for these measures, SQAC staff attempted to balance identifying the priority with which a measure most closely aligned with ensuring that as many priority areas as possible were adequately associated with measures. Since this is not an exact science, redistributing measures within this framework is expected, and Committee member feedback is welcomed.

- On the reverse side of this page is a graphic that encompasses the SQAC process from start to finish. Meeting 7 activities will focus on the assembly of the trapezoid, with a particular emphasis on assigning "primary suitability" categories to selected measures as part of the DPH Quality Measure Focus List, as described below.

- The color-coding is a shorthand tool that will aid the Committee at Meeting 7 as staff update the framework in real-time in accordance with how the SQAC members construct the SQMS. Each color represents a different "primary suitability" category. The goal will be to select approximately 15 measures per care setting (CHC, hospital, SNF, and Home Health Care), with at least one measure identified as appropriate for each of the suitability categories. The Co-chairs have proposed 24 measures as a jumping-off point for discussion.

▇	Suitable for payment incentives, provider tiering, or consumer reporting
▇	Suitable for government oversight, licensure, and accreditation
▇	Suitable for supporting local improvement efforts
▇	Suitable for program oversight