## **Standards and Guidelines for MOC Qualifying QI Initiatives**

Competency in QI/PI methods and the ability to measure and improve care is required of each ABMS Member Board certified physician participating in ABMS MOC. Qualifying initiatives are those which:

**B1**. Have leadership and management at the initiative level that will ensure adherence to the participation criteria.

**B2**. Address care the physician can influence in one or more of the six Institute of Medicine quality dimensions (safety, effectiveness, timeliness, equity, efficiency, and/or patient-centeredness) and one or more of the ACGME/ABMS competencies (Practice-based Learning and Improvement; Patient Care and Procedural Skills; Systems-based Practice; Medical Knowledge; Interpersonal and Communication Skills; Professionalism).

**B3**. Have specific, measurable, relevant, and time-appropriate aims for improvement.

**B4**. Use appropriate, relevant, and evidence-based (when available) performance measures that include measurement at the appropriate unit of analysis (physician, clinic, care team, etc.) Use national measures when available.

**B5**. Use a recognized, valid, established quality or performance improvement methodology.

**B6**. Include appropriate prospective and repetitive data collection and reporting of performance data so that diplomates access, reflect on, and act upon the data at least three times *(including at baseline and at the conclusion of the activity)* during the course of their meaningful participation in a quality initiative designated for MOC Part IV.

**B7**. Attempt or plan to translate or implement an improvement into routine care, or disseminate or spread and sustain an existing improvement into practice.

**B8**. Possess sufficient and appropriate resources to develop, support and conclude the activity without real or perceived conflict of interest.

* 1. Industry funding, as defined by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, support, or input cannot be used to suggest, determine or support content or content development.
     1. Industry funding or support may not be used for portfolio initiatives designed to increase the use of a single product produced by that industry entity.
  2. Activities may not be advertised, disseminated on, or linked to industry websites or other industry promotional materials.
  3. Portfolio QI initiative data (aggregate, de-identified, or diplomate level) must remain with the organizational portfolio sponsor. Diplomate level data, even if de-identified) may not be shared with an industry entity.
  4. If all the conditions in items a-c are met, funding from industry may be used to support the development, deployment and maintenance of registries used in Portfolio Program improvement activities.
     1. The organization must provide a statement on any materials that are used in association with or to promote the activity that clearly delineates industry support of the registry, clearly states that no support has been provided for the development of content, and clearly states that industry does not have access to registry data.
     2. Additionally, the name and logo of the company that has supported the activity may not be used on the registry or on any materials related to the activity.
  5. If all the conditions in items a-c (and d, as appropriate) are met, funding from industry may be used to support implementation of a portfolio QI activity that has been developed by the organizational sponsor independent of industry input. In instances where industry support (e.g., marketing, publicity, IT support, etc.) has been used by a sponsoring organization to support the delivery of a project:
     1. The organization must provide a statement on any materials that are used in association with or to promote the activity that clearly delineates what specifically has been supported and clearly states that no support has been provided for the development of content. (Suggested statement: “[Name of Company] has provided support for the [the specific activity supported {e.g., marketing, publicity, IT support, etc.}] of this program. No support has been received for the development of the content.”)
     2. Additionally, the name and logo of the company that has sponsored the delivery of the activity may not be used on any materials related to the activity.
     3. Portfolio QI initiatives receiving industry support in accordance with the above must adhere to the *ACCME Standards for Commercial Support ™.*