



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON VITAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS



SUBCOMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

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What suggestions are there for evaluation criteria?

Steps in Evaluation	Criteria to be considered
	Addresses a current industry need
	Does not preclude or inhibit business operations or growth
	No existing standard/operating rule
	Harmonization required because multiple standards/operating rules exist or conflict

What suggestions are there for evaluation criteria?



Practical Solution		
	Fiscally responsible	
	Cost effective implementation	
	Can be implemented in a timely manner	
	Clarity of purpose to meet need(s)	
	Achievable	
	Free or fee-based acquisition of standard/operating rule	
	Flexibility to adapt to or anticipate technology changes	
	Are there consequences to the industry	
	Vendor Participation	

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Credible Resource and Evidence		
	All interested stakeholders participated in the creation of solution	
	No conflicting or competing interests	
	Accurate and unbiased	
	Quality of information	

The Need to Test Standards and Operating Rules



WEDI believes that it would be prudent for the Secretary of HHS to consider pilot testing all standards and operating rules prior to their adoption.

- Reveal materials weaknesses in the standards and operating rules prior to implementation
- Evaluate the ROI / value and cost associated with such changes prior to recommending their adoption
- HHS set aside a budget for such a purpose

Should the RC evaluation criteria be used to evaluate new/proposed standards and operating rules?



Yes, the evaluation criteria should be used to evaluate both existing and new/proposed standards and operating rules.

All standards and operating rules should be evaluated by the same criteria so they all meet the same principles.

What process(s) should be used to evaluate standards and operating rules?



We recommend that the Review Committee conduct hearings and surveys to develop a relative assessment of standards and operating rules utilizing the evaluation criteria submitted.

For the proposed evaluation criteria, the following score key has been developed.

Score Key

- 1 – Poor
- 2 – Fair
- 3 - Good
- 4 - Very Good
- 5 - Excellent

Standards and operating rules that score 0-28 do not meet current industry business needs and therefore there is a need to adopt a different standard or operating rule.

Standards and operating rules that score 29-53 do not meet current industry business needs and therefore there is a need to move to a new version of the standard or operating rule.

Standards and operating rules that score 54-80 meet or continues to meet current industry business needs and therefore no change is necessary.