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This News brief alerts you to the following report: National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (2004, September). *Cultural competency: Measurement as a strategy for moving knowledge into practice in State mental health systems* [Final report]. Available at: [http://www.nasmhpd.org/general\\_files/publications/cult%20comp.pdf](http://www.nasmhpd.org/general_files/publications/cult%20comp.pdf)

From the NASMHPD website: "...this report...outlines the rationale for implementing cultural competence, the approaches to implementation, including the measurement of cultural competence as a strategy, and steps that a state mental health commissioner/director can take to move the cultural competence agenda from research into practice." A cultural competence measure is included.

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