**Figure 1.** Forest plot of standardized mean differences (SMD), 95% confidence intervals (95% CI), and weighting for individual studies and groups of Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives of acute ischemic stroke management pathways by category. QI Categories are: 1 = Organizational changes, 2 = Prehospital notification, 3 = Technology-based initiatives, 4 = telemedicine systems, 5 = educational interventions, 6 = Auditing processes, 7 = other strategies not otherwise captured, and 8 = combination approaches.