

Overview of Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

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Quality Measures

Statutory Requirements

- Minnesota Statutes, § 62U.02, Subd.1 and 3
- The commissioner of health shall develop a **standardized set of measures** by which to assess the quality of health care services offered by health care providers...
- The commissioner shall establish standards for measuring health outcomes, establish a **system for risk adjusting quality measures**, and issue **annual public reports** on provider quality...

Quality Measures Key Dates

January 2010:

- Collection of data for publicly reported quality measures began
- Health plans no longer permitted to require data submission on measures outside the standardized set.

July 2010:

- MDH will issue its first public report with data on the standardized measures to be publicly reported.

MDH Implementation Activities

- Conducted a competitive procurement process in the fall of 2008 to contract out key activities:
 - Develop recommendations for quality measures and quality incentive payment system;
 - Conduct outreach to providers; and
 - Manage data collection, validation and public reporting activities.
- MDH signed a 4-year, \$3 million contract with MN Community Measurement as lead member of consortium including MMA, MHA, Stratis and the University of MN

Publicly Reporting Quality: MDH Goals

- Make more quality information broadly available
- Use measures related to either high volume or high impact procedures and health issues
- Report outcome measures or process measures that are linked to improved health outcomes
- Not increase administrative burden on health care providers where possible

First Iteration of Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

- Administrative rule adopted in December 2009 after public comment period
- Specifies a broad standardized set of quality measures as well as a much smaller set for public reporting
- Outlines provider responsibilities to submit data on relevant measures
- Outlines how health plans may use quality measures

Required by the Rule: Physician Clinic Initial Measures

- Physician clinic measures are based on those previously reported, through direct data submission, on a voluntary basis
 - 2010 reporting: optimal diabetes care and optimal vascular care for 2009 dates of service and a survey on health information technology (HIT)
 - 2011 reporting: optimal depression care based on use of PHQ9 tool for 2010 dates of service

Required by the Rule: Initial Hospital Measures

- Hospitals submitting data on more than 40 measures
 - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
 - CMS Hospital Compare
- Hospitals will receive HIT survey in next two weeks
 - Using American Hospital Association IT Supplement for the survey tool

Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

- MDH required to annually review measures by revising the administrative rules related to quality measures and mandatory reporting
- MDH will publish a new proposed rule on August 9, 2010

Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

- MDH invited interested stakeholders to submit recommendations for new standardized measures to MDH by June 1st

Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

- MNCCM provided preliminary recommendations for new physician clinic measures in late April
- MDH and MNCCM accepted public comments on these recommendations
- MNCCM and MHA provided final recommendations for clinic and hospital measures to MDH on June 1

Revising Administrative Rules

- MDH will consider all recommendations in updating the rule
- Other issues also will be considered
 - Circumstances under which outreach and satellite clinics may be rolled up to one clinic site
- MDH will issue a new proposed rule on August 9, 2010 with a 30-day period for public comment

Future measures for development

- As part of its contract with MDH, MNMCM began work on developing new measures this year
 - Low back pain
 - Total knee replacement
 - Maternity care
- Preliminary research submitted to MDH on June 1st
- Measure development is a multi-year process and these will not be part of 2010 rule-making process

Recommendations Submitted to MDH

Recommendations provided to MDH

- A pediatric provider organization proposed more pediatric relevant measures and reporting requirements
- County public health officials suggested topic areas of prevention and management of obesity and tobacco use