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SUBJECT: Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System Technical Update – 2022 Reporting Year

The Minnesota Department of Health has updated the Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (Quality Reporting System). We continuously work with providers and other stakeholders to create an evolving set of standard health care quality measures that are rooted in evidence. We publish changes to the measurement set annually.

Because we are only modifying two measures for hospitals, and to continue to ease administrative burdens during the statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not promulgating a rule for the 2022 reporting year; instead, we are issuing technical guidance about the changes.¹

Hospital Quality Measures

Modifications

- **Updated terminology for the Door-to-Imaging Initiated Time and Time to Intravenous Thrombolytic Therapy measure specifications.** The Minnesota Stroke Registry replaced the terms “alteplase” and “tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)” with “thrombolytics” to align with revised American Heart Association and American Stroke Association guidelines, which recognize more than one thrombolytic for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke.

Supplemental information

Please visit [Quality Measures: 2022 Report Year \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measures\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measures) for a list of Quality Reporting System measures, measure specifications, and other information.

From 2018 through early 2020, we developed a new measurement framework in collaboration with a broad group of stakeholders. We have delayed framework implementation due to the statewide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will begin piloting the measurement framework during 2022 together with partners. We expect framework implementation to

¹Quality Rule Appendices A, B, and E indicate that quality measures are required for reporting in 2018 and every year thereafter.

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inform future Quality Reporting System updates. Please visit [Measurement Framework \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measfrmwk\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/hcquality/measfrmwk) for more information.

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