HHS Perspective on Adult Immunization Measures

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What we heard from the Summit last year

- Consolidate existing vaccination quality and performance measures
- Combine preventive services, including adult vaccinations, into one composite measure
- Assure that measures align with Pharmacy Quality Alliance
- Make vaccination status requirement of provider licensure renewal

What was done: HHS Working Group convened

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AITF Measures Working Group Charge & Approach

- Charge: To coordinate federal activities on the use of quality and performance measures for adults within the broader immunization delivery system.
- Approach
 - Review extant measures and data for assessing adult immunizations
 - Identify and prioritize measurement gaps
 - New measures or data collection?
 - Composite "up-to-date" measure to track progress?
 - Analyses to identify high need populations based on geography and demographics?
 - Immunization outside of health care settings: Pharmacies, work sites, schools, churches, polling places?

Review Extant Measures and Data: Inventory of Adult Immunization Measures

- Version 1
 - Compiled measures for HHS
 - Alignment with National Quality Forum (NQF) measures
 - Inventory includes 108 measures
 - Influenza, pneumococcal, hepatitis A and B, HPV,
 Td/Tdap, zoster, measles, meningococcal disease, mumps
 - Note: Some measures include contraindications and refusals, whereas in some cases, these are considered separate measures

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Inventory of Adult Immunization Measures (cont.)

- Version 2
 - Apply Donabedian model: Process & Outcomes
 - 2 Critical Processes
 - Quality Improvement / Performance Assessment / Provider Accountability: Adult assessed for vaccine need and given vaccine unless refusal or contraindication
 - Population Health / Planning: Adult vaccinated
 - Other measure elements stratify by patient or site characteristics

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Example: Influenza Process Measures

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| FLU PROCESS MEASURES | Vaccine Administered | Assess and Offer Vaccine |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Age (years) 18+ 18-49 18-64 50+ 50-64 65+ | CDC, CMS, IHS, HP2020 IHS CDC, IHS, HP2020 CMS ¹ , IHS CMS ² , IHS IHS, HP2020 | CMS, IHS IHS IHS IHS |
| Insurance Medicare Medicare Manage Care | CMS ³ | |
| Conditions High Risk Asthma Diabetes HIV Disease Inflammatory Bowel Disease Pregnant Women | CDC, IHS, HP2020 IHS IHS HRSA CMS IHS, HP2020 | IHS CMS IHS |
| Aligns with NQF measures: 10041, 20039, 300 | 040 | 8 |

| FLU PROCESS MEASURES (CONT.) | Vaccine Administered | Assess and Offer Vaccine |
|---|---|--|
| Setting Acute Care Hospital Home Health Inpatient Rehab Facility LTC Hospital Nursing Home Short Stay Nursing Home Long Stay Ambulatory/Office-based Care Institutionalized Non-institutionalized | CMS ¹ , IHS CMS CMS CMS, HP2020 CMS ² CMS ³ CMS ⁴ , HRSA, IHS CDC CDC, HP2020 | CMS, IHS CMS CMS CMS CMS CMS IHS |
| HCP Vaccination Acute Care Hospital Ambulatory Facilities/Surgery Center Inpatient Rehab Facility LTC Hospital or Facility Outpatient Hospital | HP2020 CDC ⁵ , CMS ⁵ , IHS CMS ⁵ , IHS CMS CMS CMS | CDC ⁵ , IHS IHS CMS (future) ⁶ CMS (future) ⁶ |

Note: This table does not indicate the total number of measures, but the categories the measures cover. A particular measure may cover multiple categories, such as for high-risk adults 18+ years in acute care hospitals. In this case, the measure would be listed in three categories: high-risk, 18+ years, and acute care hospital settings. For a more detailed spreadsheet showing these linkages, please contact the co-leads of the Measures WG.

Aligns with NQF measures: 1 1659, 2 Voluntary Standards for Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations, 3 0681, 4 0039 and 0041, 5 0431, 6 0680

Outcomes for All Vaccine-preventable Diseases

- Outcome measures = cases, hospitalizations, deaths
- HHS outcome measures in adult populations identified for:

| Cases/hospitalizations for 18+, 18-64, 65+ in acute care hosp |
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| Cases/hospitalizations: 65+ acute care hosp, home care 30-day post-discharge readmission: 65+ hosp inpatient Deaths: 18-64 hosp inpatient, 18+ Discharge/discharge assessment: 18+, 65+ hosp inpatient, nursing home long stay |
| Cases/hospitalizations in general population |
| Cases/hosp: general pop, 19-24, 25-39, 40+, IDU, MSM |
| Prevalence of infection in females |
| None identified |
| None identified |
| Measles, meningococcal disease, and mumps cases/hospitalizations |
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Conclusions from Inventory

- Many redundant process measures representing two basic concepts:
 - Provider accountability/performance assessment (i.e., Did the provider assess and offer the vaccine?)
 - Population health (i.e., Did the patient get the vaccine?)
- Few outcome measures
- No composite measures

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Reducing Measure Redundancy

- Summit: Consolidate existing vaccination quality and performance measures
- Heard from federal groups who have aligned HHS measures
 - Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy
 - HHS Measures Policy Council
- Plan to seek HHS support to align adult immunization measures
 - Convene experts
 - 1 vaccine at a time starting with influenza
 - Seek endorsement from Measures Policy Council

Refining Composite Measures

- Summit: Combine preventive services, including adult vaccinations, into one composite measure
- Developed proposal to ask NQF to issue call for measure / measure concepts related to adult vaccination composite measure
- Plan to support assessing feasibility of use of Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement composite measure

Improving Communication with Non-federal Partners

- Summit: Assure that measures align with Pharmacy Quality Alliance
- Started monthly conference calls with Summit Working Group
- Sought Pharmacy Quality Alliance input
- This presentation
- Plan to continue to seek advice from Summit Working Group and other non-federal partners

