

Quality and Performance Measures Working Group Update May 15, 2013

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Suggestions from 2012 Adult Summit

- ▶ 1. Make vaccination status requirement of provider licensure renewal
- ▶ 2. Assure that measures align with Pharmacy Quality Alliance, as that group is developing pharmacy immunization measures
- ▶ 3. Combine preventive services, including adult vaccinations, into one measure, such as:
 - ▶ Healthy Status for all adult vaccines (checklist)
 - ▶ Embed vaccination status into existing chronic care measures, e.g. D5 measure
 - ▶ Combine all pertinent screenings into a measure, e.g.
 - vaccination
 - screenings (cancer, cardio)
 - smoke status

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Action Item 1

NAIS suggestion	Make vaccination status requirement of provider licensure renewal
WG action item	Make vaccination status requirement of provider licensure renewal/Assess the status of organizations in making vaccination status of health care personnel a requirement of credentialing
Actions taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on NQF-endorsed measure of influenza vaccination of health care personnel (HCP). Began discussion on possible changes to suggest for next round of revision. • Panel discussion with accrediting bodies and provider organizations to understand their policies and work on promoting HCP vaccination • Presentation on the status of state laws on HCP influenza vaccination

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Action Item 1 (continued)

WG action item	Make vaccination status requirement of provider licensure renewal/Assess the status of organizations in making vaccination status of health care personnel a requirement of credentialing
Remaining Questions and Outstanding Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider licensure is in the purview of state policy – what can Decision-makers WG do in this realm? How we might work to engage state governors or health officials to improve laws on HCP influenza vaccination? • More evidence on the economic benefits of adult immunization programs, especially of HCP • Credentialing of health plans vs. of individual providers. Which groups to approach on the subject? • What is going on in developing measures for HCP beyond flu? • Funding streams, available resources, possible groups interested in participating on pilots?

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Action Item 2

NAIS suggestion	Assure that measures align with Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA), as that group is developing pharmacy immunization measures
WG action item	Assist the Pharmacy Quality Alliance with development of pharmacy immunization measures that align with other immunization measures
Actions taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on previous PQA efforts to develop immunization quality measures • PQA will be forming an advisory committee by mid-2013 to better understand data flow issues to report immunizations. They have requested WG input to identify experts to participate in these discussions
Remaining Questions and Outstanding Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG input to identify experts to participate in these discussions • Identification of possible solutions to data exchange barriers

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Action Item 3

NAIS suggestion	Combine preventive services, including adult vaccinations, into one composite performance measure
WG action item	Examine opportunities to promote existing composite performance measures or develop new composite performance measure(s) for adult immunizations
Actions taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation in late January of a composite performance measure of adults up-to-date on vaccines developed by the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement. Discussion on current use of measure and opportunities to promote/expand use of measure. • Exploration of a pilot of a composite performance measure for adult immunization coverage
Remaining Questions and Outstanding Issues	Input on need/utility of developing new composite performance measures

▶ 8 http://www.icsi.org/guidelines_and_more/gl_os_prot/preventive_health_maintenance/preventive_services_for_adults/preventive_services_for_adults_11.html

Other Areas for WG Input

1. Are there other organizations we should consider inviting to participate in our WG?

2. Monitor CMS proposed rulemaking cycles for proposed inclusion of immunization measures.

- ▶ Example: New Release in the NPRM proposed for the Medicare Program **to remove the pneumococcal immunization measure from Hospital Inpatient** Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation: <http://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2012-regulatory-fees-nprm>
Under Hospital Inpatient Quality (IQR) program - Starts on page 811 of NPRM

Proposed Removal of IMM-1: Immunization for Pneumonia Measure

We adopted IMM-1: Immunization for Pneumonia for the Hospital IQR Program for the FY 2014 payment determination with data collection beginning with January 1, 2012 discharges. We are proposing to remove this measure based on the following consideration. In October of 2012, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) released new guidelines on the administration of pneumococcal vaccination for various populations. Because IMM-1 was already required as part of the Hospital IQR Program before the new guidelines were published, we cannot feasibly implement the measure to incorporate the potential iterations of the new guidelines. We believe that maintaining the measure in the Hospital IQR Program during this period of rapid guideline changes would detract from hospitals efforts to administer vaccines appropriately. We emphasize that, despite the removal of IMM-1 from the Hospital IQR Program, we expect hospitals to continue to keep up-to-date with the vaccination recommendations for various populations.

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Priorities for the next year

- ▶ Pilot test adult immunization composite performance measure
- ▶ Summit input would be appreciated, such as:
 - ▶ Measure gaps
 - ▶ Areas for alignment and coordination
 - ▶ Other
- ▶ Identify further opportunities to promote adult immunizations, such as
 - ▶ Improving laws on HCPs vaccinations
 - ▶ New measures
 - ▶ Addressing barriers
 - ▶ Other?

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Thank you

