

Pre-Voting Webinar:
Resource Use – Cycle 2
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Webinar Goals

Provides opportunity for clarification prior to voting:

- Project Scope
- Project Updates
- Measures Recommended for Endorsement
- Overarching Issues
- Summary of Comments and Impact

Project Scope

- Evaluated the submitted measures according to NQF resource use evaluation criteria;
- Measure review was completed in two parts:
 - Cycle I
 - Cycle II
- Identified potential next steps in resource use measurement & evaluation

Cycle 1 Status

- Board ratification pending:
 - 1598 Total Resource Use Population-based PMPM Index (HealthPartners)
 - 1604 Total Cost of Care Population-Based PMPM Index (HealthPartners)
 - 1558 Relative Resource Use for People with Cardiovascular Conditions (NCQA)
 - 1557 Relative Resource Use for People with Diabetes (NCQA)

Cycle 2 Status

- Member voting: January 20- February 3, 2012
- CSAC review/vote: March 7-8
- BOD Ratification: April 2012

Cycle 2 Status

- Recommended
 - (1609) ETG-based hip/knee replacement cost-of-care measure (*Ingenix*)
 - (1611) ETG-based pneumonia cost-of-care measure (*Ingenix*)
 - (1560) Relative resource use for people with asthma (*NCQA*)
 - (1561) Relative resource use for people with COPD (*NCQA*)
- No consensus
 - (1595) ETG Based Diabetes cost of care measure (*Ingenix*)
- 6 measures not recommended
 - Episode-based cost of care for CAD, CHF, asthma, hip fracture, COPD & total cost

Overarching Issues

- Reliability and validity testing at the individual physician level
- Appropriateness of actual/standardized costing in various applications
- Evaluating single measures that are part of a grouper system
- Proprietary components within measures
- Implications of carve out arrangements (e.g., mental health, pharmacy)

Comments

- 87 comments received from 11 organizations/individuals
- Major Themes:
 1. Application of costing approaches
 2. Splitting costing approaches into separate measures
 3. Higher bar for resource use measure evaluation (than for quality measures)
 4. Measures in use should be endorsed
 5. Complexity of the resource use measures from an episode grouper
 6. Implementation costs associated with Ingenix measures
 7. Risk adjustment model
 8. Preference for specifications compared to guidelines
 9. Burden of validity testing

Impact of Comments

- Comment responses:
 - The Committee affirmed its stance in response to the comment themes
- Clarifications to the draft report:
 - Several emerging principles were clarified and updated to better reflect the links to the NQF testing task force report and the NQF Evaluation Criteria
- Measure-specific responses:
 - The Committee affirmed its recommendations for all measures

Next Steps

- Member voting will end on February 3
- Voting results will be forwarded to CSAC for discussion during March 7-8 in person meeting



Questions?