



Medicaid and CHIP (MAC) Scorecard Committee Strategic Web Meeting #2

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MAC Scorecard

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Agenda



Review and Discuss Key Informant Interviews

Objective of Today's Meeting

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- Review and discuss themes resulting from key informant interviews to obtain additional Committee feedback

Key Informant Interview Process

- NQF conducted key informant interviews with four state medical directors in March 2019
- Feedback was solicited on strategic topics discussed during the MAC Scorecard in-person meeting
- Specifically, NQF and CMCS sought further input on:
 - ▣ *The MAC Scorecard composition, and*
 - ▣ *The relationship between the Core Sets and the MAC Scorecard*

Key Informant Interview Themes

Four themes arose during the interviews:

- Medicaid and CHIP populations impacted by MAC Scorecard measures
- Considerations/recommendations for MAC Scorecard composition
- Accountability
- Practical/technical considerations

Scorecard Composition Themes from the Key Informant Interviews

- Two key informants believe there should be no/minimal federal involvement at the state level, i.e., in administering/direct involvement in accountability at large.
- Accountability challenges:
 - ▣ *data variability from state to state, adequacy in reporting*
 - ▣ *need for population-level measures for states and individual level measures for providers*
- States with less resources will be negatively affected by reporting and may need a ramp up period and/or technical grants.
- Accountability should be based on incremental quality changes from a baseline (possibility of benchmarks and thresholds).

Who is accountable?

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- State Medicaid
- State MCOs
- State Providers
- CMS

To whom are they accountable?

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- Beneficiaries (targeted by subgroup: SMI, MCH)
- Congress
- HHS/CMS
- At-large public

For what are they accountable?

For what?

- Characteristics of measures appropriate for accountability framework?:
 - ▣ Considering population variability within and across states
 - ▣ Risk adjustment, segmentation, etc.
 - ▣ Level of validity, improvability, etc.

Consequences?

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- ▣ *Rewards vs. punishments*

- » Comparisons:

- i. Absolute state performance?*

- * By individual measure absolute performance?*

- * By measure “packages/sets” addressing a particular population (e.g., SMI, MCH) or set of quality issues (eg, hospital care, preventive care, disparities)*

- ii. Within state improvements over time?*

- * By individual measure improvement?*

- * By improvement in measure “packages/sets” addressing a particular population (e.g., SMI, MCH) or set of quality issues (eg, hospital care, preventive care, disparities)*

- Timing/phase-in of implementation?

Discussion Questions

- Given the ambiguity and opportunity to inform the creation of a definition for accountability:
 - ▣ *What are potential definitions of accountability?*
- What is accountability?
- Who is accountable? To whom are they accountable?
- What are the consequences of accountability, both long and short term?
- What considerations should CMS consider when developing a short-term and long-term approach to accountability?

Public Comment

Next Steps

Important Dates

- **Tentative - July 29:** Strategic considerations web meeting #3
- **September 9:** Final report due to CMCS and made available to the public

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