



MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup

Expedited Review of Initial Core Set of Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults

Friday, September 27, 2013

12:00-2:00 pm ET

The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a web meeting of the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup on Friday, September 27, 2013. An online archive of the meeting is available by clicking [here](#).

Workgroup Member Attendance

Please see attachment for the list of members in attendance.

Welcome and Review of Meeting Objectives

Alice Lind, Workgroup Chair, welcomed the group to the web meeting and reviewed the meeting objectives:

- Establish understanding of experience to date with the Initial Core Set of Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults (Medicaid Adult Core Set)
- Evaluate the Medicaid Adult Core Set against the MAP Measure Selection Criteria
- Consider measure alignment opportunities and measure gaps to inform recommendations to the MAP Coordinating Committee

Ms. Lind also provided an orientation to the workgroup's specific task in providing input on the Medicaid Adult Core Set.

Background on the Initial Core Set of Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults

Presentations by Amaru Sanchez, Project Analyst, NQF and Allison Ludwig, Senior Project Manager, NQF

- Mr. Sanchez reviewed demographic and health statistics for the population of adults enrolled in Medicaid, noting characteristics of both current and projected future enrollees.
- Ms. Ludwig reviewed the statutory requirements for the Medicaid Adult Quality Reporting Program and the process used to develop the initial Medicaid Adult Core Set.

Program Experience to Date

Presentations by Karen Llanos, Technical Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, CMS, and Margo Rosenbach, Vice President, Mathematica Policy Research

- Ms. Llanos described CMS' goals for the quality reporting program, its current status, and planned future activities. For example, revisions to the Medicaid Adult Core Set will be published in a letter to state health officials in January 2014.

- Ms. Rosenbach, speaking from the perspective of CMS' technical assistance provider for this effort, gave a high-level overview of challenges encountered by participating states to date. For example, reporting physician-level and hospital-level measures is difficult and measures that require medical record review pose a significant data collection burden.
- MAP members inquired whether it was possible for MAP to recommend coding changes to measures in the Core Set. CMS emphasized that standardized measures are preferred but to the extent that coding changes could lead to better measures, it would be possible as long as the scientific integrity of the original design was preserved.
- Workgroup members also expressed interest in CMS' planned measure development activities related to long-term services and supports.

Evaluation of the Medicaid Adult Core Set with the MAP Measure Selection Criteria

Presentations by Megan Duevel Anderson, Project Analyst, NQF, and Sarah Lash, Senior Director, NQF.

- Ms. Duevel Anderson reviewed the characteristics of the 26 measures in the Medicaid Adult Cores Set.
- Ms. Lash discussed the six draft staff recommendations for the Medicaid Adult Core Set based of an assessment using the MAP Measure Selection Criteria.
- Specific issues encompassed by the draft recommendations included how to treat paired measures, measures that are not currently NQF-endorsed, and outcome measures that require risk adjustment.
- Workgroup members engaged in a discussion about each of the draft staff recommendations. In general, members supported the draft staff recommendations and provided additional detail.
- Participants from NCQA clarified the current development status of several measures.
- Workgroup members underscored the importance of having measures that are accurate, outcome-oriented, appropriately risk-adjusted, appropriate for the needs of the adult Medicaid population, and require minimal effort to collect.

Strengthening the Medicaid Adult Core Set

Session led by Alice Lind.

- In an open discussion format, Ms. Lind requested feedback from the workgroup on additional ways the Medicaid Adult Core Set can be strengthened over time.
- In considering long-term revisions, discussion focused on:
 - Looking to the [Family of Measures for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries](#) as a source for measures and measure concepts that could be considered for future inclusion in the Medicaid Adult Core Set;
 - The need for better understanding the effects of social factors on health outcomes and quality measurement results, and to measure these determinants directly;
 - Gap areas of measurement, including screening for behavioral health conditions, person-centered outcome measures, and access measures.

Implementation Issues to Monitor Going Forward

Session led by Alice Lind.

- Ms. Lind requested feedback from the workgroup on what information about the program implementation experience is needed to support MAP's future decision-making when assessing the Medicaid Adult Core Set.
- Workgroup members suggest that NQF and CMS monitor the feasibility of state-level data collection and how states are using the data collected to improve quality (e.g., public reporting, quality improvement).

Public Comment

One member of the public voiced support for the concept of integrating measures across primary care, behavioral health, and long-term services.

Next Steps

The meeting concluded with a reminder of important dates in the project timeline:

- October 1-11: NQF Member and Public comment on draft recommendations
- October 3: Review of draft recommendations by MAP Coordinating Committee
- October 15: Final MAP recommendations due to HHS.

The next web meeting of the MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Workgroup is scheduled for November 21, 2013, 1-3pm ET.

MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Members in Attendance

| MAP Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Member |
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| Alice Lind, MPH, BSN; Workgroup Chair |
| Cheryl Powell; CMS Federal Coordinated Healthcare Office |
| D.E.B. Potter, MS; Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality |
| E. Clarke Ross, DPA; Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities |
| Gwendolen Buhr, MD, MHS, MEd, CMD; American Medical Directors Association |
| Jennifer Sayles, MD, MPH; L.A. Care Health Plan |
| Leonardo Cuello, JD; National Health Law Program |
| Mady Chalk, MSW, PhD; substance abuse subject matter expert |
| Rhonda Robinson-Beale, MD; mental health subject matter expert |
| Richard Bringewatt; SNP Alliance |
| Ruth Perry, MD; medicaid ACO subject matter expert |
| Steven Counsell, MD; America's Essential Hospitals |
| Susan Reinhard, RN, PhD, FAAN; home & community based services subject matter expert |
| Willene Carr; Administration for Community Living (substitute for Jamie Kendall) |