Overview of Minnesota Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

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Quality Measures
Statutory Requirements

- Minnesota Statutes, § 62U.02, Subd.1 and 3
- The commissioner of health shall develop a standardized set of measures by which to assess the quality of health care services offered by health care providers…
- The commissioner shall establish standards for measuring health outcomes, establish a system for risk adjusting quality measures, and issue annual public reports on provider quality…
Quality Measures Key Dates

January 2010:

• Collection of data for publicly reported quality measures began

• Health plans no longer permitted to require data submission on measures outside the standardized set.

July 2010:

• MDH will issue its first public report with data on the standardized measures to be publicly reported.
MDH Implementation Activities

• Conducted a competitive procurement process in the fall of 2008 to contract out key activities:
  • Develop recommendations for quality measures and quality incentive payment system;
  • Conduct outreach to providers; and
  • Manage data collection, validation and public reporting activities.

• MDH signed a 4-year, $3 million contract with MN Community Measurement as lead member of consortium including MMA, MHA, Stratis and the University of MN
Publicly Reporting Quality: MDH Goals

- Make more quality information broadly available
- Use measures related to either high volume or high impact procedures and health issues
- Report outcome measures or process measures that are linked to improved health outcomes
- Not increase administrative burden on health care providers where possible
First Iteration of Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

- Administrative rule adopted in December 2009 after public comment period
- Specifies a broad standardized set of quality measures as well as a much smaller set for public reporting
- Outlines provider responsibilities to submit data on relevant measures
- Outlines how health plans may use quality measures
Required by the Rule: Physician Clinic Initial Measures

• Physician clinic measures are based on those previously reported, through direct data submission, on a voluntary basis

  • 2010 reporting: optimal diabetes care and optimal vascular care for 2009 dates of service and a survey on health information technology (HIT)

  • 2011 reporting: optimal depression care based on use of PHQ9 tool for 2010 dates of service
Required by the Rule: Initial Hospital Measures

- Hospitals submitting data on more than 40 measures
  - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
  - CMS Hospital Compare
- Hospitals will receive HIT survey in next two weeks
  - Using American Hospital Association IT Supplement for the survey tool
Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

- MDH required to annually review measures by revising the administrative rules related to quality measures and mandatory reporting

- MDH will publish a new proposed rule on August 9, 2010
Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

• MDH invited interested stakeholders to submit recommendations for new standardized measures to MDH by June 1st
Next Iteration of Statewide Quality Measurement and Reporting System

- MNMC provided preliminary recommendations for new physician clinic measures in late April
- MDH and MNMC accepted public comments on these recommendations
- MNCM and MHA provided final recommendations for clinic and hospital measures to MDH on June 1
Revising Administrative Rules

• MDH will consider all recommendations in updating the rule
• Other issues also will be considered
  • Circumstances under which outreach and satellite clinics may be rolled up to one clinic site
• MDH will issue a new proposed rule on August 9, 2010 with a 30-day period for public comment
As part of its contract with MDH, MNCM began work on developing new measures this year:
- Low back pain
- Total knee replacement
- Maternity care

Preliminary research submitted to MDH on June 1st.

Measure development is a multi-year process and these will not be part of 2010 rule-making process.
Recommendations Submitted to MDH
Recommendations provided to MDH

- A pediatric provider organization proposed more pediatric relevant measures and reporting requirements

- County public health officials suggested topic areas of prevention and management of obesity and tobacco use