

Quality Council

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Agenda

Introductions/Public Comments



Approval of Minutes



Council Process, Outputs and Roadmap



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Breakout Groups

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Council Process and Outputs

Defining Council Outputs

- All payer score card vs. commercial/Medicaid scorecard?
- If all-payer, we would retain all Medicare measures
- If commercial/Medicaid, we would retain only those measures relevant to commercial/Medicaid
 - Example: If base rate of falls is very low in commercial and Medicaid populations, we would eliminate the measure “Falls: screening for future fall risk”

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Defining Council Outputs

- Common Measure Set - draft assumptions
 - Recommend measures that are a high priority for commercial or Medicaid
 - Do not recommend measures that are relevant only to Medicare at this time

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Defining Council Outputs

- Common Measure Set - draft assumptions
 - Include even those measures that may not be appropriate for some providers or populations
 - Examples:
 - SSP contract with “adult only” advanced network may not include pediatric measures;
 - commercial contract with provider with low base rate of COPD might not include COPD measures

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Defining Council Outputs

- Common measure set – draft assumptions
 - Assuming the above, our common measure set is actually a menu of measures
 - No payer-provider contract would be expected to include all measures in every SSP contract
 - However, when a payer ties provider performance to a condition that is included in the common measure set, they will be expected to use the measure and specifications as defined in the common measure set

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Defining Council Outputs

- If the common measure set is a menu, how we would we ensure achievement of SIM objectives?
 - Certain domains and measures might be deemed “essential”_measures
 - Status of a measure as “essential” would be based on the recommendations of the Quality Council
 - Other measures would be “optional”

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Defining Council Outputs

- Even if a measure is essential, how do we ensure it has sufficient weight in scoring?
 - Council could establish minimum weights for “essential” measures...this is a key question to consider
- Similarly, if a domain is deemed “essential” (e.g., care experience), the Council might recommend a minimum domain weight
- Each payer would otherwise establish its own weights and scoring for domains and measures

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Defining Council Outputs

- Benchmarks are the standard against which performance is measured.
- Who will establish benchmarks?
- Currently, each payer establishes benchmarks for assessing provider performance
- An exception could be made for *payer agnostic* measures such as care experience where benchmarks could be recommended by the Quality Council

Defining Council Outputs

- Some recommended measures may be too new to establish baseline performance and benchmarks
- Council could recommend that certain measures be established as “reporting only” until baseline and benchmarks can be established

Defining Council Outputs

- Some measures may not be ready for implementation in 2016, even for reporting purposes
- Such measures could be included in the common measure set, or as a supplemental set, and projected for implementation at a later time
- Accordingly, we could consider staging our efforts, with 2016 measures proposed as Stage 1 measures and other measures as Stage 2 measures

Pre-decisional – for discussion only

Quality Council Meeting Schedule

