MNCM Measures Lab

Measuring health care is the critical first step to improving it. MN Community Measurement (MNCM) plays a unique and critical role by collecting and reporting health care cost, quality and patient experience information.

OUR EXPERIENCE

MNCM is experienced and highly skilled in measure development, testing and endorsement. Since 2002, we have collected, analyzed and reported health care information on a large spectrum of procedures, conditions and types of care sites. We currently collect and report data on more than 70 cost, quality and patient experience performance measures, with numerous others in development. Our seven NQF-endorsed measures and many of our measures currently used in federal programs and pay-for-performance programs are testaments to our expertise in measure development and testing.

Conducting measure testing is often a challenge for measure development organizations. Effective testing requires technical infrastructure; expertise in collection and validation of newly-developed measures; and essential partnerships with providers. That's why the MNCM Measures Lab was created as a platform to test newly-developed measures prior to National Quality Forum (NQF) submission for endorsement or adoption into federal programs, such as the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).

HOW WE CAN HELP

The MNCM Measures Lab is designed to support measure developers collect data and test the reliability and validity of quality measures.

MNCM and the Measures Lab will help you:

- Translate your measure specifications into field specifications that can be used by health care providers to extract and submit data specific to your measure.

- Streamline the collection and analysis of data for your measure.

- Recruit medical groups and clinics to participate in pilot testing of your measure.

- Conduct reliability and validation testing to support NQF endorsement and federal program adoption of your measure.

- Collect de-identified patient data for measure calculations or summary data submission.

- Ensure data suppliers understand requirements and meet necessary submission deadlines.

- Conduct data audits and validation remotely or on-site.

- Offer blinded results of the participating organizations.

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SPOTLIGHT

In 2013, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) contracted with MNCM to test an AAN measure of Counseling for Women of Childbearing Potential with Epilepsy. The measure had achieved time-limited NQF endorsement; however, to gain full endorsement, NQF required the measure be tested to demonstrate its validity and reliability. MNCM translated AAN's measure specifications for data collection, recruited three large neurology groups to participate, and piloted data collection and reporting. Based on the final report and data produced by MNCM, NQF awarded AAN full endorsement of the measure in 2014.

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