Federal Reporting Requirements: Meaningful Use and PQRS

The landscape of state and federal reporting requirements for health care professionals can be complex and onerous. MN Community Measurement wants to support clinics that register with and submit data to us in meeting as many requirements with as much efficiency as possible.

One of the ways we can do that is by supporting your providers in meeting some of their Meaningful Use Stage 2 and Physician Quality Reporting System requirements.

**Stage 2 Meaningful Use**

**Background**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provide financial incentives for “meaningful use” of certified electronic health record technology through its EHR Incentive Program. To receive the incentive payment, providers must demonstrate “meaningful use” of their EHR by meeting certain measurement thresholds. The program includes three stages; these stages must be achieved sequentially, and the first opportunity for many providers to achieve Stage 2 will occur in 2014.

Many providers in Minnesota have successfully attested and achieved Stage 1 and are currently working on meeting the Stage 2 requirements.

**How MNCM Can Help**

For Stage 2 Meaningful Use, Eligible Providers (EPs) must meet 17 core meaningful use objectives and at least three of six of the menu objectives. The Stage 2 menu objective of Reporting Specific Cases may be met by submitting quality data to MNCM for any diagnosis- or procedure-specific measure (voluntary or required by the State of Minnesota).

*Report Specific Cases*: Capability to identify and report specific cases to a specialized registry (other than a cancer registry), except where prohibited, and in accordance with applicable law and practice.

EPs considering selecting this menu objective based on data submission to MNCM should verify that your organization and national provider identifier (NPI) is registered with MNCM and that one of the following is true:

- Data submission for applicable measure(s) occurred during 2013 or 2014; or
- Your organization has intent to submit data within 60 days of the start of the next applicable measure and reporting period; or
- Your organization submitted data by the deadline and is currently engaged in testing and validation of that electronic submission.

**Additional Considerations**

EPs are ultimately responsible for interpreting the Meaningful Use Stage 2 Final Rule ([http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-04/pdf/2012-21050.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-04/pdf/2012-21050.pdf)) and determining whether their data submission status with MNCM meets the objective.
However, MNCM can offer guidance and support for providers in making this determination. MNCM can also provide guidance of suggested documentation to support an attestation. EPs who receive an EHR incentive payment for Stage 2 Meaningful Use may be subject to an audit by CMS. MNCM recommends retaining supporting documents for six years post-attestation to prepare for potential audit selection.

Additional resources include:


If you have any questions, please contact us at info@mncm.org.

### e-Clinical Quality Measures

#### Background

CMS requires providers to submit clinical quality measures (CQMs) for the EHR Incentive Program (aka. Meaningful Use) and Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). These are used to measure and track the quality of health care services being provided throughout the country. They focus on many aspects of patient care, including health outcomes, clinical processes, patient safety, efficient use of resources, care coordination, patient engagement, population and public health, and adherence to clinical guidelines.


#### How MNCM Can Help

For both Stage 2 Meaningful Use and PQRS, providers must report nine of the 64 CQMs, and the reported CQMs must cover three of the six National Quality Strategy Domains. MNCM can help providers meet these requirements as well; however, please note that the data submission for the CQMs requirements is separate from the Direct Data Submission used for SQRMS.

If your organization is interested in having MNCM assist you in meeting Stage 2 Meaningful Use and PQRS CQMs reporting requirements, please contact us at opportunities@mncm.org.
Clinical Quality Measures

CQMs fall into six National Quality Strategy Domains. All CQMs are listed below, organized by domain. The bolded measures are offered by MNCM as part of our PQRS and Meaningful Use data submission services.

1. **Patient and Family Engagement**
   - Oncology: Medical & Radiation – Pain Intensity Quantified NQF 0384
   - Functional status assessment for complex chronic conditions CMS90v1 (Recommended Adult)
   - Functional status assessment for knee replacement NQF TBD
   - Functional status assessment for hip replacement NQF TBD

2. **Patient Safety**
   - Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly NQF 0022 (Recommended Adult)
   - Falls: Screening for Future Fall Risk NQF 0101
   - Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record NQF 0419 (Recommended Adult)
   - Cataracts: Complications within 30 Days following Cataract surgery requiring additional procedures NQF 0564
   - Child & Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment NQF TBD
   - ADE Prevention & Monitoring: Warfarin Time in Therapeutic Range NQF TBD

3. **Care Coordination**
   - Closing the referral loop: receipt of specialist report CMS50v1 (Recommended Adult)

4. **Population and Public Health**
   - Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition & Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents NQF 0024 (Recommended Pediatric)
   - Preventative Care & Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening & Intervention NQF 0028 (Recommended Adult)
   - Childhood Immunization Status NQF 0038 (Recommended Pediatric)
   - Preventative Care & Screening: Influenza Immunization NQF 0041
   - Preventive Care & Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up Plan NQF 0418 (Recommended Adult)
   - Preventive Care & Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-up NQF 0421/CMS69v1 (Recommended Adult)
   - Maternal depression screening NQF 1401
   - Preventive Care & Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-up Documented NQF TBD

5. **Efficient Use of Healthcare Resources**
   - Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis NQF 0002 / PQRI 66 (Recommended Pediatric)
   - Low Back Pain: Use of Imaging Studies NQF 0052 (Recommended Adult)
   - Appropriate Treatment for children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) NQF 0069 (Recommended Pediatric)
   - Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Prostate Cancer Patients NQF 0389/ PQRI 102

6. **Clinical Processes/Effectiveness**
   - Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment NQF 0004:
   - Controlling High Blood Pressure NQF 0018 (Recommended Adult)
   - Breast Cancer Screening NQF 0031
• Cervical Cancer Screening NQF 0032
• Chlamydia Screening for Women aged 16-24 NQF 0033 (Recommended Pediatric)
• **Colorectal Cancer Screening NQF 0034 / PQRI 113**
• Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma NQF 0036 (Recommended Pediatric)
• ADHD: Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication NQF 0108 (Recommended Pediatric)
• **Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults NQF 0043 / PQRI 111**
• Diabetes: Eye Exam NQF 0055 / PQRI 117
• Diabetes: Foot Exam NQF 0056 / PQRI 163
• Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Test for Pediatric Patients NQF 0060
• **Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control NQF 0059 / PQRI 1**
• Diabetes: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Management and Control NQF 0064 / PQRI 2
• Diabetes: Urine Screening NQF 0062 / PQRI 119
• Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic NQF 0068 / PQRI 204
• Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy for CAD Patients w/ Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI) NQF 0070 / PQRI 7
• Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and LDL Control NQF 0075
• Heart Failure: ACE Inhibitor or ARB Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD) NQF 0081 / PQRI 5
• Heart Failure (HF): Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD) NQF 0083 / PQRI 8
• Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation NQF 0086 / PQRI 12
• Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care NQF 0089 / PQRI 19
• Diabetic Retinopathy: Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy NQF 0088 / PQRI 18
• Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment NQF 0104
• Anti-depressant medication management NQF 0105 / PQRI 9
• Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Appraisal for alcohol/chemical substance abuse NQF 0110
• Colon Cancer: Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer Patients NQF 0385 / PQRI 72
• Breast Cancer: Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC-IIIC Estrogen Receptor/Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) Positive
• Breast Cancer NQF 0387 / PQRI 71
• HIV/AIDS: Medical Visit NQF 0403
• HIV/AIDS: Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia (PCP) Prophylaxis NQF 0405
• HIV/AIDS: RNA control for Patients with HIV NQF 0407 (proposed #)
• Children who have dental decay or cavities CMS75v1 (Recommended Pediatric) 4 | P a g e
• Cataracts: 20/40 + Visual acuity within 90 days following Cataract surgery NQF 0565
• Pregnant Women that had HBsAg testing NQF 0608
• **Depression Remission at Twelve Months NQF 0710**
• **Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool NQF 0712**
• Primary Caries Prevention Intervention as Offered by Primary Care Providers including Dentists NQF TBD
• Preventive Care & Screening: Cholesterol-Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Test Performed NQF TBD
• Preventive Care & Screening: Risk Stratified Cholesterol-Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Test Performed NQF TBD
• NQF TBD
• Dementia: Cognitive Assessment NQF TBD
• Hypertension: Improvement in blood pressure NQF TBD