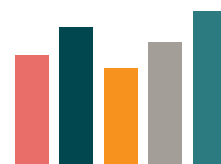


MEASUREMENT MINUTE

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September 2020

Update on Measurement for 2020 Dates of Service

In September, MNCM's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) met to continue planning for the 2021 report year (2020 dates of service) and to discuss the implications of COVID-19 for quality measurement. Because of the dramatic change in care delivery in 2020, MNCM will incorporate the following changes for the Direct Data Submission (DDS) measures:

- » Addition of telehealth visit codes for certain measure denominators
- » Alignment with NCQA's revised Controlling High Blood pressure specifications to include digital blood pressures taken by the patient

Measure specifications and value sets will be available for download in November.

Additionally, the MARC reviewed the results of the *Impact of COVID-19 on Quality Measurement Community Survey*. Both the survey respondents and the MARC generally supported continued public reporting of quality for 2020 dates of service, citing the importance of setting a new baseline, understanding patient barriers to delivery of care, and determining areas needing improvement amid COVID-19. The Measure Review Committee (MRC), a subcommittee of the MARC, will be meeting in November for their annual review of measures. The MRC recommendations will be presented to the MARC for consideration along with MNCM's recommendation for reporting level (e.g., statewide, medical group, clinic location) during the December 2 MARC meeting. MARC meetings are open to the public – more information on how to register is available [here](#).

MNCM Announces Free Webinar Series

In October, MNCM will be launching a series of free webinars providing an opportunity for community members to receive the latest information on several high-priority initiatives actively under way at MNCM. Please save the date and register for the following events:

- » **Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

A New Approach to Measurement: Introduction to MNCM's PIPE Data Collection System

This webinar will provide an overview of MNCM's new approach to collecting data, calculating measures, and producing performance rates. Attendees will learn how the new method supports community goals to make quality measurement easier for health care providers and improve the timeliness of feedback to health care providers to inform improvement efforts. Content will also include a high-level overview of the implementation process and information on what medical groups can do now to prepare for transitioning to PIPE.

- » **Thursday, November 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Health Care Cost and Utilization in Minnesota: A Review of Results from 2019

This webinar will highlight results from MNCM's 2020 Health Care Cost and Utilization Report that focuses on care delivered in 2019. The event will include discussion of trends and variation in total cost of care for commercially insured patients.

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Free Webinar Series (cont.)

» **Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

Preparing to Onboard to PIPE: A Detailed Look at the Process and Requirements

This webinar is intended primarily for medical groups interested in a deeper dive into the PIPE implementation process and requirements for transitioning to the PIPE data collection system. MNCM's implementation team will walk through the key differences between the current data submission process and the new PIPE process, provide a detailed overview of the demographic and clinical data files required for the PIPE data standard, and provide helpful tips that will help medical groups determine the best timeline to onboard to PIPE.

» **Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

A New Approach for Data Sharing Among Health Care Payers and Providers

Join MNCM for an introduction to the Common Health Information Reporting Partnership (CHIRP) and the new CHIRP data standards that have been developed collaboratively by health care providers and payers to improve the efficiency and ease of data sharing. This webinar will highlight the types of information that are shared between payers and providers, the importance of standardization, and how this information can be used to improve patient outcomes and coordination of care. Early results of pilot testing of the standards will also be discussed.

Annual Conference Transitioned to Virtual Event: February 18, 2021

The MNCM Annual Conference has been transitioned to a virtual event.

This year's theme is Building Bridges to Better Health. Major topics will include:

- » Addressing the challenges and opportunities related to COVID-19, including forgone care, impacts on equity and disparities, and rapid adoption of telehealth;
- » Affordability and access to appropriate care; and
- » Looking forward and lessons for improving quality and affordability into the future.



Attendees will explore together how we can continue to build on the significant work our community has done to advance improvements in health care quality, equity, and affordability. Please save the date and watch for conference details and registration information to be released in October.

SAVE THE DATE: February 17, 2021 Pre-Conference Summit on Mental Health

In conjunction with its Annual Conference, MNCM is hosting a pre-conference summit on mental health. The summit is intended to bring together an array of community stakeholders – including employers, health care providers and payers, government agencies, and other community organizations – to understand the latest information on trends in mental health as well as outcomes for mental health care. The event will highlight recent learnings from Minnesota providers' experiences in working to improve depression care. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in Community Dialogues to talk about region-specific strategies to advance improvement.

Please save the date! Registration details will be included with promotions for the MNCM Annual Conference in October.



MNCARES Website Launched, Health Care Home Clinic Recruitment Begins in Fall 2020

The Minnesota Department of Health has launched a website for The Minnesota Care Coordination Effectiveness Study (MNCARES). The study will compare two approaches to care coordination for patients with high health care costs and multiple morbidities. Recruitment of health care home clinics is expected to begin this fall. Those that participate will receive an exemption from the next scheduled Health Care Home recertification requirements, study reports highlighting learnings about how to provide the most effective and efficient care coordination process, and individual reports that will provide insight into how their system and clinics compare with others. For more information, [click here](#).



MNCM Among 30 Health Care and Community Organizations Committed to Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

MNCM is proud to be included among 30 organizations that have committed to work collaboratively to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within Minnesota's health care system. The work of the partners will be guided by new principles adopted on September 18, which detail the organizations' collective commitment, and actions they will take to eliminate systemic racism and its negative impact on health and well-being. [Learn more](#).

In Case You Missed It

2020 HIT SURVEY RELEASED – RESPONSES DUE BY OCTOBER 15

The 2020 biennial Health Information Technology (HIT) Ambulatory Survey opened on September 15, 2020. The telemedicine questions were enhanced this year to understand how clinics use these services to better inform policies and resource needs. For more information, [click here](#).

RECENT REPORTS RELEASED BY MNMCM

On September 30, MNMCM released [Depression Care in Minnesota: Adults & Adolescents](#) highlighting findings for the regarding care delivered during calendar year 2019. For the first time, the report includes results for adolescents in addition to adults. Results from 2019 provide an important baseline to understand depression care prior to COVID-19, that will allow the community to understand the impact of the pandemic on depression care and inform future improvement efforts. The appendix to the report includes results for individual medical groups and clinic locations. These data will be included in a re-launch of the MNHealthScores public reporting site in late 2020.