

Below are the follow-ups from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Quality Council Meeting with status updates and responses:

Follow-Up	Status update/response
<p>Prior to the next meeting, Bailit Health will collect information on <i>Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness's</i> denominator size and check if ED visit information is available through Connie.</p>	<p>OHS has reached out to a few payers to inquire about denominator size for <i>Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness</i> by Advanced Network.</p> <p>OHS is determining if/when ED visit information will be available through Connie.</p>
<p>OHS will clarify for insurers that the <i>Health Equity</i> measure was intended to be implemented in two phases, starting with collecting REL data and stratifying the measures before moving towards paying for closing gaps in performance.</p>	<p>OHS sent communication to insurers with this clarification.</p>
<p>Bailit Health will confirm why <i>Pediatric Hemoglobin A1C Testing</i> was retired in 2014.</p>	<p>The <i>Annual Pediatric Hemoglobin A1C Testing</i> measure was retired from the 2014 Child Core Set because it affected a small number of children, had a weak evidence base, and was approaching the improvement ceiling. Please see footnote q on page 5 of this documentation from CMS:  <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf</a>.</p>
<p>Bailit Health will bring Massachusetts' maternity measure to the Quality Council for its consideration at the end of the annual review.</p>	<p>Bailit Health will bring <i>Behavioral Health Risk Assessment Screening</i> (for pregnant women) to the Quality Council for consideration at the end of the annual review.</p>
<p>Bailit Health will share Massachusetts' opioid measure task force research with the interested Quality Council members</p>	<p>First, as a reminder, the opioid measures currently in the Connecticut Aligned Measure Set are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines</i> (Pharmacy Quality Alliance)</li> <li>2. <i>Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder</i> (CMS)</li> <li>3. <i>Substance Use Assessment in Primary Care</i> (Inland Empire Health Plan)</li> </ol> <p>Below is a summary of recommendations from Massachusetts Substance Use Treatment Measures Work Group. Please see Slides 18-25 of this <a href="#">presentation</a> for the topline recommendations and rationale presented to MA Quality Measure Alignment Taskforce.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Measures reviewed by the Massachusetts Task Force:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Alcohol and Drug Misuse: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment (Oregon Health Authority)</i></li> <li>b. <i>Continuity of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (CMS)</i></li> <li>c. <i>Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment (NCQA)</i></li> <li>d. <i>Risk of Continued Opioid Use Disorder (NCQA)</i></li> <li>e. <i>Substance Use Assessment in Primary Care (Inland Empire Health Plan)</i></li> <li>f. <i>Substance Use Disorder Treatment Penetration (Washington DSHS)</i></li> <li>g. <i>Unhealthy Alcohol and Drug Use Screening and Brief Counseling (AMA-PCPI)</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Measures the Task Force <u>recommended against inclusion</u> in the Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Alcohol and Drug Misuse: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment (Oregon Health Authority)</i></li> <li>b. <i>Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment (NCQA)</i></li> <li>c. <i>Risk of Continued Opioid Use Disorder (NCQA)</i></li> <li>d. <i>Substance Use Disorder Treatment Penetration (Washington DSHS)</i></li> <li>e. <i>Unhealthy Alcohol and Drug Use Screening and Brief Counseling (AMA-PCPI)</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Measures the Task Force <u>recommended for inclusion</u> in the Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Substance Use Assessment in Primary Care (Inland Empire Health Plan)</i></li> <li>b. <i>Continuity of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (CMS)</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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