

Multi-payer alignment

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SYNOPSIS

Washington State is reducing provider burden and advancing value-based payment arrangements in its purchasing contracts by using performance measures from common measure sets.

GOAL

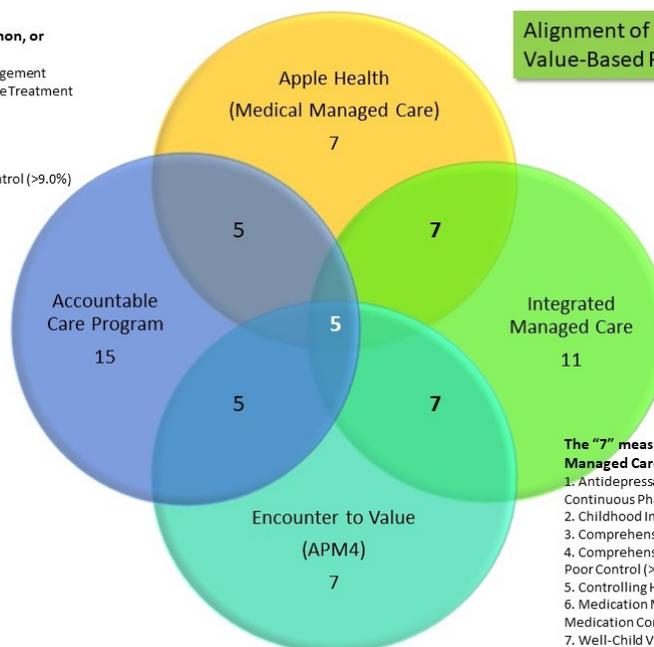
By using measures from the Statewide Common Measure Set and Service Coordination Organization Measure Set to drive toward quality and value in purchasing contracts, Washington State can align efforts around a core set of priorities and reduce measurement and reporting fatigue.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Measures are aligned across agency purchasing contracts.
- Measures are tied to VBP across agency purchasing contracts.
- Measures in agency purchasing contracts are aligned with national reporting requirements.

HOW IT WORKS

- The "5" measures that are common, or included in all VBP contracts:**
1. Antidepressant Medication Management Effective Acute & Continuous Phase Treatment
 2. Childhood Immunization Status
 3. Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Blood Pressure Control
 4. Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%)
 5. Controlling High Blood Pressure



- The "7" measures that are common, or included in all Managed Care VBP contracts:**
1. Antidepressant Medication Management Effective Acute & Continuous Phase Treatment
 2. Childhood Immunization Status
 3. Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Blood Pressure Control
 4. Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%)
 5. Controlling High Blood Pressure
 6. Medication Management for People with Asthma Medication Compliance 75% (Ages 5-11 and ages 12-18)
 7. Well-Child Visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years of Life

*With the exception of the Foster Care Contract

THE CHALLENGE

Providers may be required to report on up to 150 clinical quality metrics at any given time, through their contractual agreements with health plans.

Washington State wants to support providers in their efforts to ensure high quality care and better manage the health of their patients. Monitoring the health of their patient population through a set of clinical quality metrics can assist them in these efforts.

By aligning performance measures in state purchasing contracts, as well as tying pay-for-performance arrangements on only a few priority areas, ultimately we can reduce the reporting burden for providers.

DESCRIPTION

Per legislation, in 2013-14 there were two state-led and stakeholder-developed state measure sets. The Governor-appointed Performance Measures Coordinating Committee (PMCC) developed the Statewide Common Measure Set to inform health care purchasing. Washington State has taken the lead in incorporating measures from the Common Measure Set into state contracts. Additionally, the Service Coordination Organization Measure Set was developed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) with input from community stakeholders to address those with behavioral health needs. These two measure sets are the foundation for how we select and align performance measures for state purchasing contracts, including measures that are included in pay-for-performance arrangements.

HOW WE GET THERE

HCA has developed a multi-agency stakeholder process to identify appropriate measures for annual purchasing contracts, including those that are tied to VBP. The Quality Measurement, Monitoring and Improvement (QMMI) process uses a multi-workgroup structure to select and produce timely, reliable, and valid clinical performance measures, and to organize activities to promote clinical quality. With this structure in place, the state can address gaps in care by actively identifying, prioritizing, and monitoring clinical quality measures.

RESULTS

There are currently 25 performance measures tied to VBP in all state purchasing contracts. Of those 25 measures, five are common across all contracts. For the Medicaid contracts, seven measures are common across all contracts, with the exception of the Foster Care Contract. That contract addresses the needs of a specific population and therefore has measures that do not align. As much as we may try to align fully across all contracts, we also understand there are situations where we need to ensure the appropriate quality measures are included to address the priorities of those populations.