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Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission



Review of HHS Reports on Adult and Child Quality in Medicaid and CHIP

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Overview

During this session we will:

- Provide background on CMS efforts to improve quality in Medicaid and CHIP, particularly the children and adult core quality measures
- Review two recent HHS reports to the Congress on the status of these efforts
- Identify potential areas for comments in a future written response to HHS and the Congress

Background:

Medicaid and CHIP's Role in Quality

Definitions of quality in health care vary

Medicaid and CHIP agencies advance quality in their role as purchasers of health care

CMS supports state quality efforts through:

- Technical assistance
- Grants and demonstrations
- Federal policy guidance
- Quality measurement standards

Background: Quality Measures

Quality measurement is integral to both state and CMS quality improvement efforts

The types of quality measures used vary

- Process measures
- Outcome measures
- Patient-centered measures

The number of quality measures is large and not well aligned across payers

Background: CMS Core Quality Measures

CHIPRA required CMS to develop a core set of quality measures for children

- Voluntary state reporting began in FY 2010

The ACA required CMS to develop a core set of quality measures for adults

- Voluntary state reporting begins this year

These efforts complement other HHS measure alignment efforts

Report Summary: Quality Efforts

The reports describe about 50 different CMS quality improvement initiatives underway

The reports summarize the status of core quality measure reporting:

- All states are reporting some child core measures; Half of states reported at least 14 of the 26 measures in FY 2012
- At least 26 states are planning to report the adult core measures; Half of these states plan to report 18 of the 26 measures this year

Report Summary: Coverage Issues

The reports also describe efforts to improve the duration and stability of coverage

The child quality report makes two recommendations that were previously included in the FY 2015 President's Budget:

- A one-year extension of the CHIPRA performance bonus fund
- A permanent extension of the express lane eligibility (ELE) state plan option

Opportunity for MACPAC Comments

MACPAC is required to review and comment on reports to the Congress

In 2011 MACPAC commented on HHS's first child health care quality report:

- The Commission expressed general support for CMS's quality improvement efforts
- The Commission noted some technical issues

Three years later, the Commission has the opportunity to comment on the direction, scope, and pace of progress made to date

Potential Areas for Comments

1. Gaps in reporting of core measures
2. Overlap between core measures and T-MSIS
3. Use of core measures in managed care oversight and provider quality incentives
4. Lack of core measures for individuals with disabilities
5. Funding for adult and child quality measures