

Measure Development Workgroup

Recent Highlights

- The selection committee convened for final rating of the thirty-two proposed measures on February 6th and 7th. The committee included nine representatives with quality measurement expertise representing behavioral health and primary care providers, families, advocates, and payers.
- Strong support and approval of the results was received when a summary was presented to the selection committee and pre-work group members in a webinar on May 2nd.
- The final measures will be presented on May 20th at the Coalition meeting and discussion of testing measures will begin more broadly.

Objectives:

- To identify measurement gaps in care coordination for children with behavioral health needs and propose a set of measures for consideration by the CHQC and federal healthcare agencies
- To develop the specification for at least one new measure to fill the gaps in pediatric care quality measures related to care coordination for children with behavioral health care needs

Next Steps

1. Propose final measure(s) to the CHQC for consideration of what will be submitted to the CHIPRA Demonstration Grant administrators at AHRQ/CMS.
2. Review opportunities for preliminary measure testing and begin planning with relevant stakeholders. This testing plan process will be led by the co-chairs of the MDW, Janis Singer (and Dr. Kathy Jenkins).
3. Document the process of measure development findings and testing/implementation recommendations in a report. Use this report to support the testing of measures that were selected through the process.

Background

The Measure Development Workgroup was created to fulfill the CHIPRA Demonstration Grant goal of developing the specification for one new pediatric quality measure. A CHQC gap analysis informed the focus on measures of care coordination for children with behavioral health needs. A pre-workgroup was convened to undertake the first steps in measure development. The workgroup agreed to implement measure development through use of the RAND methodology and worked collaboratively with the Key Elements Task Force to define care coordination, behavioral health, and measures related to the key elements framework.

Appendix – Task Force and Work Group Members

Members of Measure Development Workgroup

Co-chairs:

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Constance Horgan Professor/ Associate Dean for Research, and Director, Institute for Behavioral Health, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Roslyn Murov Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health, Boston Children's Hospital
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Members of Measure Development Workgroup Selection Committee

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