



Update: Initiative to Align Performance Measures with Characteristics and Needs of SNP Enrollees

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Goal

To better align Star measures with unique needs of populations served by SNPs for purposes of:

- quality rating
- consumer comparison shopping
- bonus payments
- documenting value of SNPs



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Effort Underway

- Work groups created to identify condition- and population-specific measures that are aligned with health-related needs of specific types of SNP enrollees
- Work Groups are:
 - Evaluating appropriateness of current Star measures for specific SNP types and considering modifications to existing measures
 - Identifying additional performance measures that take into account the characteristics and needs of beneficiaries enrolled in various SNP types
 - Focusing on NQF endorsed measures when possible
 - Where measurement gaps exist, identifying needs for measure development
- Work groups have begun to make recommendations to SNP Alliance's Performance Evaluation Leadership Group
- The Performance Evaluation Leadership Group will develop a set of recommendations for condition- and population-based performance measures for SNPs

Condition/Population-specific Work Groups



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- Cardiovascular conditions
- Diabetes, CKD, ESRD
- Chronic lung disorders
- HIV/AIDS
- Severe and Persistent Mental Illness
- Dementia
- Adults with Disabilities
- Duals
- Frail Elderly



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Examples

- Chronic lung disorders
 - COPD or asthma: hospital admission rates for older adults
 - COPD: inhaled bronchodilator therapy
- Dementia
 - Antipsychotic use in persons with dementia, *taking into account living situation and caveats regarding use of high risk meds in the elderly*
 - Persistent indicators of dementia w/o diagnoses – long stay



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Moving Forward

- Share final recommendations with SNP Alliance members
- Make recommendations regarding SNP-specific measures to CMS, NCQA, NQF, others
- Work with CMS, NCQA and others to consider how these measures could be incorporated into Star system
- Issues:
 - Incorporating new measures into existing measurement set should not expand total number of measures
 - Weighting measures so that measures of particular importance to SNPs' target populations are weighted more heavily
 - Establishing performance benchmarks