

Memo



Date: June 20, 2014

Re: 2015 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (SQRMS): MN Community Measurement (MNCM) and Stratis Health's Final Recommendations for Physician Clinic and Hospital Quality Measures

MN Community Measurement (MNCM) and Stratis Health submitted final recommendations to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for physician clinic and hospital measures for the 2015 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (SQRMS). These recommendations are posted to the MDH Health Care Quality Measures [Recommendations](#) Web page. All physician clinic quality measure recommendations were reviewed and approved by MNCM's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC). All hospital quality measure recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee which was convened by Stratis Health in collaboration with the Minnesota Hospital Association.

Key proposed changes to SQRMS for 2015 as compared with 2014 include the following:

- The addition of four new measures in 2015: Spine Surgery – Lumbar Discectomy/Laminotomy, Spine Surgery – Lumbar Spinal Fusion, Pediatric Preventive Care – Adolescent Mental Health and/or Depression Screening, and Pediatric Preventive Care – Obesity/BMI & Counseling.
 - MDH first included the spine surgery measures in the SQRMS measure set for 2015 reporting in its 2012 update to the measure set.
 - MDH first included the pediatric preventive care measures in the SQRMS measure set for 2015 reporting in its 2013 update to the measure set.
 - MNCM listed the Total Knee Replacement measure as a new measure because 2014 is the first year of implementation; it would be a recurring measure in 2015.
- The removal of the cholesterol component from both the Optimal Diabetes Care and Optimal Vascular Care composite measures.
- MNCM removed the written asthma management plan component of the Optimal Asthma Care measure based on the MARC's recommendation and vote on March 12, 2014, and it has renamed the composite measure, "Optimal Asthma Control".
- The removal of two hospital measures from the Critical Access Hospital (CAH) slate of measures.
 - AMI 7a – Fibrinolytic therapy received within 30 minutes of hospital arrival
 - AMI 8a – Timing of receipt of primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

MDH invites interested stakeholders to review and comment on MNCM and the Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee's final recommendations for physician clinic and hospital measures for the 2015 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System. Please send your comments to health.reform@state.mn.us through July 7, 2014.

Additionally, MDH, MNCM, and Stratis Health will hold a **public forum in St. Paul on June 26**, to present final quality measure recommendations in connection with the annual SQRMS update. The public forum will include an opportunity for interested stakeholders to comment on the recommendations and to ask questions.

MDH will consider all public comments during the development of the proposed rule for the 2015 SQRMS. MDH will publish the proposed rule in August.

SEE PUBLIC FORUM INFORMATION ON PAGE 2.

Public Forum Information:

June 26, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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