

Memo



Date: June 19, 2015

Re: 2016 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 2016 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (SQRMS). These recommendations are posted to the MDH Health Care Quality Measures [Recommendations](#) webpage. 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 2016 as compared with 2015 include the following:

- Physician clinics
 - Addition of a new statin medication use component to the Optimal Diabetes and Optimal Vascular Care measures.
 - Technical change to the Depression Remission at Six Months specifications.
- Hospitals
 - Alignment of prospective payment system (PPS) hospital measures with CMS's Hospital Value-Based Purchasing, Readmissions Reduction Program, and Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program.
 - Alignment of critical access hospital (CAH) measures with the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP).
 - Addition of the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Advance Directive question to the hospital Health Information Technology (HIT) survey to support a focus on end of life care.
 - Removal of 23 hospital measures.

MDH invites interested stakeholders to review and comment on MNCM and Stratis Health's final recommendations for physician clinic and hospital measures for the 2016 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System. Please send your comments to health.reform@state.mn.us through July 6, 2015.

Additionally, MDH, MNCM, and Stratis Health will hold a **public forum in St. Paul on June 22**, 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 2016 SQRMS.

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Public Forum Information:

June 22, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Neighborhood House at Wellstone Center, West Side Room- 272
179 Robie Street East
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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