**Issues for the RCHC Data Standards and Integrity Committee**

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1. **2020 Partnership HealthPlan QIP Measures**

Report: Relevant QIP Reports in the Clinical Domain

Issue: 2020 QIP Measure Set Released

Description: The new measure set contains 25 measures, including two “Gateway” measures. Compared to 2019, three measures are new (including two in the clinical domain) and four measures appear to be modified (including one in the clinical domain). Three 2019 measures were removed (including one in the clinical domain).

Additional Information: For Family Practices, there are 23 Measures and 2 Gateway Measures. Below is a summary of all the measures.

| **Name of 2020 Measure** | **Comment** |
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| *Gateway Measures* |
| PCP Office Visit within each measurement year ≥ 2.1 visits  | Was part of the 2019 measure "Primary Care Utilization" |
| Timely Claim Submission ≤ 90 days from Date of Service  | New in 2020 |
| *Clinical Domain* |
| Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life  | New in 2020 |
| Well-Child Visits (3 – 6 Years Old)  | SAME as 2019 (old name "Well Child Visits") |
| Adolescent Well-Care Visits (12 – 21 Years Old)  | New in 2020 |
| Controlling High Blood Pressure | SAME as 2019 |
| Cervical Cancer Screening  | SAME as 2019 |
| Colorectal Cancer Screening | SAME as 2019 |
| Diabetes Management – HbA1c Good Control (≤9%) | SAME as 2019 |
| Diabetes Management – Retinal Eye Exam  | SAME as 2019 |
| Breast Cancer Screening | SAME as 2019 |
| Childhood Immunization Combo 10 | MODIFIED from 2019 (old name "Childhood Immunization Combo 3") |
| Immunizations for Adolescents | SAME as 2019 |
| Asthma Medication Ratio  | SAME as 2019 |
| *Appropriate Use of Resources* |
| Ambulatory Care Sensitive Admissions  | SAME as 2019 |
| Plan All-Cause Readmission Rate  | MODIFIED from 2019 (old name "Readmission Rate") |
| *Access and Operations* |
| Avoidable ED Visits/1000 Members per Year  | Was part of the 2019 measure "Primary Care Utilization" |
| *Patient Experience* |
| Patient Experience | SAME as 2019 |
| *Unit of Service* |
| Advanced Care Planning | SAME as 2019 |
| Extended Office Hours | SAME as 2019 |
| Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition | SAME as 2019 |
| Peer-Led Self-Management Support Groups | SAME as 2019 |
| Alcohol Misuse Screening and Counseling | SAME as 2019 |
| Health Information Exchange Participation | SAME as 2019 |
| Initial Health Assessment Improvement Plan | SAME as 2019 |

The 2019 measure “Diabetes Management – Nephropathy Screening Test or Evidence of Nephropathy” was removed.

The new measures in the clinical domain involve well-care visits. We have already been reporting a measure for well-child visits for children (“Well-Child Visits (3 – 6 Years Old)”). In all three measures, the well-care visit is defined by the same set of billing codes (these codes are CPT, HCPCS and ICD10CM codes). Even though the QIP instructions define documentation needed for the visit, they also encourage service providers to “focus on using claims to demonstrate achievement of this measure.”

Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life

* Denominator: The number of continuously enrolled Medi-Cal members who turned 15 months old between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020
* Numerator: The number of children in the eligible population with at least six well-child visits with a PCP by the date of age 15 months.

Adolescent Well-Care Visits (12 – 21 Years Old)

* Denominator: The number of continuously enrolled Medi-Cal members 12-21 years of age as of December 31, 2020
* Numerator: The number of members in the eligible population with a comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP during the measurement year

The modified measure in the clinical domain is Childhood Immunization Combo 10.” This measure is now aligned with the UDS measure “Childhood Immunization Status.”

1. **Home Blood Pressure Readings**

Report: Controlling High Blood Pressure

Issue: Some kinds of blood pressure readings are not suitable for counting on the UDS and QIP reports

Description: The discussion will be around how blood pressures taken at a patient’s home should be entered into the EHR so they can be distinguished from clinic-based measures.

Additional Information:

From the 2019 UDS Instructions:

“Only blood pressure readings performed by a clinician or support staff in the provider office are acceptable for numerator compliance with this measure. Blood pressure readings from the patient's home (including readings directly from monitoring devices) are not acceptable.” (page 100)

From the 2020 QIP Instructions:

“Do not include BP readings… reported by or taken by the patient.” (page 23)

“BP readings from remote monitoring devices that are digitally stored and transmitted to the provider may be included. There must be documentation in the medical record that clearly states the reading was taken by an electronic device, and results were digitally stored and transmitted to the provider, and interpreted by the provider. Note: Member-reported results to the provider from a remote monitoring device are not acceptable.” (page 24)