

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Committee members present: Lori Bethke, Matt Flory, Jamie Galbreath, Cara Hull, Steve Inman, Dave Johnson, Clarence Jones, Sue Knudson, Stephanie Krieg, David Kurtzon, Jennifer Lamprecht, Christine Norton, Angela Olson, Angie Pokharel, Denise Schneckloth, Amanda Strom, Sean Wherry

Committee members absent: Joe Bianco, Craig Johnson, Bridget Olson, David Satin, Erica Schuler

Staff members present: Lexie Adams, Liz Cinqueonce, Jess Donovan, Amy Krier Rowan Mahon, Ma Xiong

Observers: None

ACTION ITEM: Slate of Measures for Public Reporting – Jess Donovan

Jess Donovan provided an overview of the statewide results for the 2023MY compared to the 2022MY results. With the exception of the Avoidance of Antibiotic Use in Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis measure which decreased, all other measures either remained stable or significantly increased.

Notable items for 2025 include:

- Optimal Asthma Control measure will be undergoing a redesign effort beginning in December 2024. However, for 2025, the measure will continue to be collected and reported using the existing measure construct.
- The two spine measures (Disc/Lami and Lumbar Fusion), the oncology suite, and the total knee replacement measure will be privately reported in 2025 to allow for more robust data collection.
- Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication will be privately reported in 2025 as MNMCM transitions from reporting on the Initiation Phase measure to the Continuation and Maintenance Phase measure. Public reporting for this measure is anticipated for 2026 (2025 dates of service).

MOTION by Christine Norton to approve slate of measures and was seconded by Kate Hust. All MARC members voted favorably, and the motion was carried out without objections. The Slate of Measures will be reviewed for final approval by the MNMCM Board of Directors later in December.

UPDATES

Alignment with MIPS for Depression Measures – Rowan Mahon

Rowan Mahon provided an update with MNMCM's plan to align with MIPS for the depression measures. Currently, MNMCM's Depression Remission at 12 Months measure and MIPS #370: Depression Remission at 12 Months are similar in structure. However, MNMCM identifies the eligible population based only on

depression diagnosis in the encounter file. The MIPS measure requires that the eligible population has both the depression diagnosis AND an eligible encounter procedure visit. MNCM's Depression Suite is scheduled for measure review by MARC in 2026. After this review, MNCM plans to align with the MIPS eligibility criteria. To provide advance notice, a communication regarding these anticipated changes will be distributed to medical groups and payers in 2025 to facilitate preparation. Additionally, both measure versions will be made available in PIPE in 2026 for comparison purposes. MNCM will also collaborate with medical groups to recalculate 2025 MY results to highlight rate shifts.

PIPE Onboarding Update – Amy Krier

Amy Krier provided an update on PIPE onboarding. There are several medical groups that are in process of onboarding into MNCM's PIPE system. While MNCM is encouraging these groups to complete onboarding by the end of 2024, there are some groups that will need additional time. MNCM will be offering a catch-up period for these groups to fulfill reporting requirements. This catch-up period will be offered beginning in April 2025 through the end of July 2025. For medical groups onboarding in the catch-up period, the measure calculations will then occur between August and early September 2025.

New Reporting Strategy – Ma Xiong

Ma Xiong provided an update on MNCM's new reporting strategy. The current state of how MNCM publicly reports data is outlined below:

- **Community Reports (6):** Health Care Quality Report (released in 3 parts), Disparities by RELC, Health Care cost & Utilization, Disparities by Insurance Type
- **Webinars:** A webinar was hosted after the release of each report to provide an overview of the findings from the community report.
- **Appendix Tables:** Provide detailed performance rates for medical groups and clinics by measure. Data stratified by demographics and insurance type where applicable, with historical data available back to 2019.
- **MNHealthScores:** Platform that offers unbiased, trustworthy performance data for medical groups and clinics, enabling consumers to make informed decisions based on quality and cost ratings.

While the current structure enables the timely release of data, the process is highly resource-intensive and demands significant staff effort. Furthermore, the content and format of the reports have become static, offering limited new insights to drive meaningful change.

As a result, MNCM will be implementing a new reporting plan going forward:

- **Dynamic Tableau Charts:** Interactive Tableau charts on MNCM website that presents insights on statewide rates, trends, and performance by various demographics. These will be updated three times per year and as soon as the data has been finalized. For example, for measures

reported by medical groups, these charts will be updated with statewide information in the summer.

- **Annual Report:** A comprehensive annual report that provides in-depth analyses and actionable insights tailored to community needs.
- **Refinement of Appendix Tables:** Transition to an on-request model via a streamlined form, allowing MNCM to assess their utility while maintaining data accessibility through MNHealthScores.
- **Webinars and Storytelling:** Collaborative webinars with community partners will highlight data interpretations and promote storytelling as a tool for driving improvements in healthcare outcomes.
- **Spotlight Reports:** Brief, targeted infographics will be released throughout the year, aligning with health awareness months to deliver concise and impactful messages.

For 2024, MNCM is planning to publish the Tableau charts with 2023MY data before the end of December. The launch of the first annual report is anticipated for the end of January/early February.

MARC Membership and 2025 Schedule – Jess Donovan

Jess will be reaching out to members at the end of their terms in the next couple of weeks. Members at the end of their first or second term need not re-apply but will need to confirm via email that they'd like to continue on the committee. Members at the end of their third term will need to re-apply if they would like to be considered for another term. 2025 MARC meeting dates have been set and Jess will be sending out calendar invites at the beginning of January.

Next MARC Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 7:30-9:00am