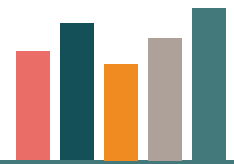


MEASUREMENT MINUTE

News from MN Community Measurement



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September 2022

Letter from MNCM President and CEO Julie Sonier

Earlier this week, MN Community Measurement published the first installment of its *Health Care Quality Report* for care provided in 2021. This report is based on clinical data reported to MNCM by medical groups in early 2022, and includes measures for asthma, diabetes, vascular care, depression, colorectal cancer screening, and adolescent mental health screening.

Because MNCM receives data for quality measures at different times of year, we are now publishing the Health Care Quality Report in three parts. This will allow us to publicly report information in as timely a way as possible. The three parts of the report include the following:

- Part 1 includes measures calculated from clinical data submitted to MNCM by medical groups in early 2022;
- Part 2 will be published later this year and include HEDIS measures that MNCM aggregates from health plans; and
- Part 3 will highlight top performing medical groups across all quality measures and will be published in early 2023.



Overall, Part 1 of the report shows that health care quality is bouncing back from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but there is still some distance to go to recover to pre-pandemic levels. In addition, the data show a return toward more typical patient volumes in 2021, suggesting that many of the barriers to accessing care that patients experienced during the pandemic (e.g., safety concerns, capacity constraints) have eased.

Based on feedback from stakeholders, MNCM has added a new geographic analysis to the report, showing how performance on health care quality measures varies by region of the state. This analysis is based on the areas of patient residence, not where they go to receive their care. Our intent in including this analysis is to provide another benchmarking point that health care providers can use in assessing their own performance and improvement opportunities.

Detailed medical group and clinic performance data can be accessed in two ways: the *MNHealthScores* site which provides summary snapshots of performance for medical groups and clinics, and MNCM's *Dynamic Tables* tool. This tool is intended to make it easier to compare performance across providers by allowing filtering and sorting of data in a way that was not possible in the appendices to prior reports.

I hope you find the new report and data tools useful. MNCM is continually evolving its approach to public reporting to ensure that the information we publish is timely, understandable, and relevant to our audiences. We welcome your feedback on our reports and data tools – you can share your comments with MNCM by emailing us at support@mncm.org.

Best,



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MNCM Webinar Next Tuesday

September 20, Noon CDT

As the health care system continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on care delivery, quality measurement provides valuable insights into a variety of health topics that continue to have opportunities for improvement across Minnesota.

In this first installment of MNCM's Health Care Quality webinar series, MNCM will provide an overview of the 2021 statewide results for MNCM's EHR-based quality measures, trend analysis by measure and variation in performance across medical groups and three-digit ZIP code regions across Minnesota. EHR-based quality measures included in this webinar are:

- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Optimal Asthma Control
- Optimal Diabetes Care
- Optimal Vascular Care
- Adolescent Mental Health and/or Depression Screening
- Depression Care

As referenced in this webinar, MNCM's *2021 Minnesota Health Care Quality Report – EHR-based Measures* was released earlier this week. The release of this report follows MNCM's new release cycle, which provides this information more than six months sooner than previously released reports.

[Register](#)

MNCM 2023 Annual Conference: Save the Date!

MNCM is pleased to announce that its next LIVE and IN PERSON conference will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, MN. We're well underway with planning and hope we'll see you there!

For this year's event, "you're off mute," it's time to reconnect, network, and collaborate with colleagues working to advance improvement in our community.

As we plan the programming for the conference, we seek your input to help guide us to provide content that fits your priorities in the coming year and beyond. Tell us, what is/are challenges you're facing in this industry today?

[Complete short \(3 questions\) survey on conference priorities](#)

In Case You Missed It

Recent Reports Released by MNCM

Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 1: Clinical Quality Measures Reported by Medical Groups

The report includes information about trends for measures of health care quality, including care for diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and mental health. In addition to providing statewide averages and data for specific medical groups and clinics, the report features a new level of analysis that shows variation in performance for 16 geographic regions within Minnesota.

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We Would Love to Hear Your Stories

As mentioned above, MNCM is proud to provide statewide measurement and reporting. The data provided are critical to many of our members, who use it in their everyday work. We are looking for comments or stories about how you use these data and how they benefit the work you do. If you would like to provide a comment or story, please feel free to contact Joe Flannigan at flannigan@mncm.org with your story. We may also use these examples and stories as ideas for future webinars and Annual Conference presentations, so we especially encourage you to share initiatives and successes that you think others would be interested in hearing about.

Thank you to current Mission Supporters

Financial support is essential to sustain and grow our objective, unbiased work. Our Mission Supporters help assure our independent work continues.

For more information, or to join this program, please reach out to Joe Flannigan at flannigan@mncm.org.



Ways to Support MNCM

MNCM values engagement by its members, employers, and industry partners to support MNCM's mission. Below are several options to support MNCM and engage with us.

Supporting Membership (for Medical Groups and Advocacy Organizations)

Supporting membership is a great way to show your support and commitment to improving the quality and affordability of health care in our community through collaboration with other stakeholders. It also supports MNCM's efforts to make quality measurement easier so clinic staff can spend more time on improvement activities. Annual membership dues are designed to be affordable and for medical groups are based on the number of providers reported by the medical group through annual registration for data submission.

[View details about supporting membership](#)

Mission Supporter Program (for Industry Partners)

MNCM recently announced a new Mission Supporter Program for companies that support MNCM's mission and want to demonstrate support and commitment to improving health care quality, equity, and affordability in our community. This program is designed for those who are not directly involved with the services MNCM provides, but still support the efforts of our organization and those who will benefit from those efforts.

Supporters will have access to several benefits at two distinct levels. These benefits include recognition through our newsletter, on our website and on social media. Exclusive benefits are also offered to our gold level supporters. [View Mission Supporter Program Details](#).

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