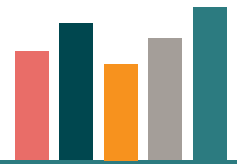


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MNCM Board of Directors Welcomes New Member

Matt Anderson serves as assistant commissioner for the Health Care Administration and is the state's Medicaid director. In these roles at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), he oversees Minnesota's Medicaid program and its basic health plan, MinnesotaCare. Prior to his appointment at DHS, Matt served in senior leadership positions at the Minnesota Hospital Association, including most recently as interim president and chief executive officer and as senior vice president of policy and chief strategy officer.

MARC Explores COVID-19 Impact on Measurement, Seeks Community Input

To better understand the impact of COVID-19 on quality care and measurement, MNCM gathered input from the Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) during its June meeting. Among topics discussed were how care delivery and direct patient care have changed, the impact of COVID-19 on health care disparities, patient/provider barriers, opportunities in collecting and reporting data, and more.

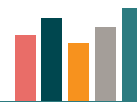
With guidance from MARC, MNCM is seeking further input from community stakeholders regarding considerations for data collection and reporting for 2020 dates of service. Please complete this [three-question survey](#) to share your perspective. The survey will close on July 31, 2020.

Your thoughts and feedback are important to MNCM as we prepare for the 2021 report year.

PIPE Implementation Advances as Medical Groups Near Completion of Pilot Testing

In 2019, MNCM introduced a new approach and system for data collection called *PIPE (Process Intelligence Performance Engine)* that is intended to make data submission much easier and allow for more timely feedback on performance throughout the year. MNCM is pleased to share the news that pilot testing of the new PIPE data standards and technologies is nearing completion. Testing has included data file upload and import processes as well as measure calculations in the new Performance Engine (PE). Measure results calculated in PE are compared to the results that were calculated in MNCM's current Direct Data Submission (DDS) system. Calculations for two screening measures (Colorectal Cancer Screening and Adolescent Mental Health and/or Depression Screening) were tested first, and results were found to be comparable to DDS. Testing of the remaining measures is expected to be complete by the end of July, and the system will be moved into full production late this summer. MNCM will notify Minnesota clinics when they can begin making the switch from DDS to PIPE. Both systems (DDS and PIPE) will be available for 2021 reporting. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

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New Date Announced for the MNMCM Annual Conference

The MNMCM Annual Conference has been rescheduled, and will be held on February 18, 2021, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, Minnesota. This year's theme is *Building Bridges to Better Health*. Attendees will explore together how we can continue to build on the significant work our community has done to advance improvements in health care quality, equity, and affordability. Please save the date and watch for registration details later this summer.



In Case You Missed It

RECENT MNMCM BLOG ARTICLES:

Since the last issue of Measurement Minute, four new articles have been posted on the MNMCM blog:

- » President's Blog | [Together, we can make progress in reducing health disparities.](#)
- » President's Blog | [What does the COVID-19 pandemic mean for health care measurement & reporting?](#)
- » Measurement Blog | [Simplifying & Refining Quality Measures to Reduce Burden](#)
- » Collaboration Blog | [Depression Care in Minnesota: We can't let another year go by.](#)

RECENT REPORTS RELEASED BY MNMCM:

- » [2019 Minnesota Health Care Disparities by Insurance Type](#)

The MNMCM and DHS Disparities by Insurance Type report presents statewide and medical group rates of performance on quality measures for patients in Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). It also includes differences in rates of care provided by medical groups between patients insured through MHCP and those insured through other forms of health care insurance, such as commercial or Medicare-managed care.

- » [2019 Minnesota Health Care Disparities by Race, Ethnicity, Language and Country of Origin](#)

This report features information on health care outcomes in several areas, including Optimal Diabetes Care; Optimal Vascular Care; Optimal Asthma Care for Adults; Optimal Asthma Care for Children; Colorectal Cancer Screening; and more. Results for these measures are stratified by race, Hispanic ethnicity, preferred language, and country of origin (RELC) and reported at statewide and regional levels.

- » [MNMCM 2019 Annual Report](#)

Each year, MNMCM releases an annual report to the community highlighting key accomplishments. This report captures information on the major milestones from 2019, and recognizes the many stakeholders that invested their time, talents, and resources to support MNMCM's mission during the last year.