

## Committee meeting notes

**Committee Name:** Health Economics Committee

**Recent Meeting Date(s):** March 12, 2020

### **Achievements/Decisions:**

- John Robinson, MD, presented an overview of First Choice Health's COPE program. By codifying the 2017 Bree Collaborative Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, First Choice can examine pharmacy claims to determine if an employer's workforce has an opioid problem and, if so, its severity. At risk individuals can receive confidential case management assessments, assistance, and education to fight back against addiction or potential addiction and its impact on health or job performance.
- Members received an overview of two Alliance products that incorporate commercial price information as per past HEC recommendations. The *Spending Trend Analysis* highlight has been expanded to include provider detail, and the first public version of the *Hospital Value Report* will feature a price index based on allowed dollars.
- Members were brought up to date on topics/issues being explored by the work group proposing a composite measure of quality using Community Checkup results.
- Members called attention to several studies and industry developments that bear watching in 2020.

### **Issues/Risks/Concerns:**

- None at this time

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Updates of the composite measure work group's progress will continue to keep HEC apprised of the emerging method.