

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): August 13, 2020

Achievements/Decisions:

- The recently published Highlight introducing the Alliance's composite measure of quality was reviewed.
- Members heard details of deliberations by a workgroup evaluating whether specialty groups should be included in public reports of composite quality, expected to be published in September. The emerging consensus is not to include them.
- Alliance director Karen Johnson provided an update on several primary care initiatives in our state: the Bree Collaborative's Primary Care Workgroup, a proposed Multi-Payer Primary Care Payment Model, and the recently formed Primary Care Interest Group.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- Nancy Giunto confirmed that there are no plans to pre-release composite quality results to medical groups prior to the September publication. The reason is that the composite measure is a re-presentation of already-vetted Community Checkup measure results. Provider organization may instead receive a notification of composite quality reporting.
- Concerning new payment models for primary care, it was noted that capitated payments can lead to less patient contact, and that fee-for-service claims data are often required to tabulate performance-related payment incentives.

Upcoming Activities:

- There will be a two-month hiatus before the last of this year's six scheduled committee meetings occurs on November 12th.