

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): January 13, 2022

While the meeting commenced in Open Session, after introductions of committee members it convened an Executive Session and all guests and data suppliers who do not currently provide pricing data were asked to leave.

Executive Session was convened

Achievements/Decisions:

- Members continued reviewing total cost of care results. For this meeting, they focused on special handling when data are organized by attributed primary care medical group. This variant of total cost reporting is to follow the release of geographic results.
- ACTION:** HEC voted to advance a suggested methodology/approach, with some options, to the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) for their review and action on February 10th. The key technical elements are summarized in the following table:

For the family of uses cases arising from...	...fully-inclusive "all in" total cost of care	...medical group performance comparisons
1. <i>Should high-cost patients be included, excluded, or shown both ways?</i>	By default, include high-cost patients, but give a way to toggle between include and exclude.	By default, exclude high-cost patients, but give a way to toggle between include and exclude. Consider truncation : beyond a pre-set annual amount, remove spending for each high-cost patient from total cost calculations.
2. <i>Should there be a minimum number of attributed patients for medical group reporting?</i>	In theory, there should be no minimum, but in practice establish and utilize a privacy minimum .	Adopt Minnesota Community Measurement's standard of at least 600 patients per group. N.B.: Some plans described using a minimum several times larger than 600 when contracting.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- There was some concern that the range of use cases and their audiences were not pre-specified
- Views differed on how to restate costs at the service level for removed spending under truncation
- Several requests for augmented charts and graphs were noted

Upcoming Activities:

- A presentation of the methodology/approach advanced by HEC will occur at the February 10th QIC meeting for further review and action.