

## Committee meeting notes

**Committee Name:** Health Economics Committee

**Recent Meeting Date(s):** May 11, 2021

### Achievements/Decisions:

- Committee member David DiGiuseppe presented an overview of Target Universalism, an approach to improvement that establishes a specific achievement goal for an entire population, but focuses on particular under-performing groups using tailored improvement strategies informed by each group's circumstances.
- The remainder of the meeting took place in executive session. Members previewed results for 2021 Total Cost of Care stratified by Area Deprivation Index (ADI) deciles.

In depth surveys for Washington state, North Central ACH, and Pierce County were reviewed separately for commercial and Medicaid enrollees. Topical areas included member distribution, illness burdens, non-utilizing members, patient-level spending volatility, member spending statistics, and patterns within specific service settings.

Additional studies illustrated comparisons between two medical groups, and the characteristics of patients for whom no primary care physician was evident in claims data using Alliance attribution rules.

This preview anticipated the public release on May 16<sup>th</sup> of a Tableau tool addressing some of these areas.

### Issues/Risks/Concerns:

Reactions to displays of Total Cost of Care stratified by ADI deciles:

- There were no major concerns raised by members.
- A member asked how this data could be used to improve healthcare. The Alliance will lead a three-hour work session on May 16<sup>th</sup> with about two dozen of its members to address this question, but in an expanded framework that includes not only cost-related equity issues, but also quality-related ones.

### Upcoming Activities:

- The next HEC meeting in July will be extended to include members of the Quality Improvement Committee. The meeting's aim is to take up directly the topic of value in healthcare, e.g., bringing quality, cost, equity, access, and other elements together, rather than examining these components of value separately.