

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): May 12, 2016

Achievements/Decisions:

- Reviewed selected results from upcoming Population Procedure Rates report (henceforth to be referred to as the *Different Regions, Different Care* report)
- Previewed results for variation in opioid prescribing in Washington state
- Collected substantial member input on report content, information display, messaging, and tone
- Set expectations for a 2017 version of this report that identifies the provider organizations that delivered the services studied in the *Different Regions, Different Care* report

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- Availability of the 2017 reports to provider organizations that are not Alliance members
- Fine-tuning of results to help accountable care organizations/networks use reports to investigate utilization anomalies
- Observation that reducing overuse could cause patient satisfaction measures to decline
- Risk of provider push-back, given that results, as previously recommended by the Quality Improvement Committee, do not adjust for different health conditions in the studied populations

Upcoming Activities:

- Intended recipients of the *Different Regions, Different Care* report (purchasers, plans, providers) are encouraged to anticipate used of the 2017 report which will identify the service-rendering provider organizations