

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): September 1, 2016

Achievements/Decisions:

- The committee reviewed a straw proposal to surface several design issues associated with a provider-centric version of the *Different Regions, Different Care* analysis.
 - As an illustration, this version of the analysis could offer the clinical leadership of Accountable Care Organizations a sense of where potential overuse is occurring in their greater network of contracted providers; private inquiry to isolate and reduce identified overuse would enhance patient/purchaser value, while also supporting ACO financial performance.
- In reacting to the straw proposal, members offered substantial input on purpose, audience, format/display, distribution, preferred language, and practical uses.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- While the straw proposal itself emphasized uses by Accountable Care Organizations, there were calls for broader distribution to provider organizations in general.
- Members encouraged the Alliance to speak to ACO representatives soon to confirm that this analysis would in fact interest them.
- The question arose: Does disseminating details about the regional market shares held by distinct provider organizations for specific services produce antitrust risks?

Upcoming Activities:

- Based on HEC member input, the straw proposal will be improved and revised for the Quality Improvement Committee to react to on September 8, 2016.
- The Alliance will look into whether detailed market share data can constitute an antitrust risk, and under what circumstances.
- If desired, members may suggest alternatives to straw proposal in the coming weeks.