

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): May 11, 2017

Achievements/Decisions:

- Members heard updates on (1) methods development for Board-approved reports containing price information and (2) the framework for *Different Regions, Different Care* reporting in 2017.
- Members reacted to a use case for displaying hospital performance in clinical areas (for Medicare patients, using NQF-endorsed measures from AHRQ) along with a directional indicator of possible commercial pricing levels at the facilities.
- Reactions ranged from supportive to enthusiastic, mostly the latter, and members advanced many suggestions to further explore the use case.
- The Alliance circulated an internal guidance document for staff that lays out early expectations for the goals, uses, communications plan, etc., for this report.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- It was suggested to segment the reports geographically to better align hospital charges with the regions they operate in.
- It is important to bring clarity to the purpose of the use case. Suggestions included using the clinical-financial array of results to prioritize conversations and to help people think about value in our community.

Upcoming Activities:

- Reactions to the use case will be transmitted to the Quality Improvement Committee.