

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): September 1, 2021

Achievements/Decisions:

1. Members acknowledged the Board's recently-approved policy to hold committee discussions involving pricing data in Executive Session, wherein health plan committee members affiliated with organizations not supplying pricing data, as well as guests, will be excused.
2. Two members volunteered to be participants on an expert panel charged with assigning domain weights to the expanded composite score. Potential panelists come from the QIC and HEC as noted:
 - a. QIC: Edwin Carmack (Confluence Health)
 - b. HEC: Will Fox (Milliman)
 - c. QIC: Leong Koh (KP Northwest)
 - d. HEC: Ross Laursen (Premera)
 - e. QIC: Mike Myint (Multicare)
 - f. QIC: Drew Oliveira (Regence)
 - g. QIC: Komal Patil-Sisodia (EvergreenHealth)
3. Member spent most of the meeting reviewing preliminary total cost results to evaluate reasonableness, identify data anomalies, and recommend refinement ideas.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- For the composite score, it was noted that domain weights should be transparent in the final product, and may need to be variable given the inclusion of both quality and cost elements.
- Member input on initial total cost data was wide-ranging. The recurring topics involved:
 - Variation in risk scores
 - Differences in cost statistics
 - Impact of members with high-cost claims
 - Impact of lower volumes on cost statistics
 - Ideas for focused research and improved presentation

Upcoming Activities:

- The Alliance will continue developing its Total Cost of Care program informed by HEC input.
- Members will vote on a change in MultiCare's HEC representative, from Zak Ramadan-Jradi, MD to Steve Schramm.