

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): September 14, 2017

Achievements/Decisions:

- Christine Palermo, MD, was introduced as the nominee to represent Virginia Mason.
- Members were advised of a plan by the Alliance to hold quarterly calls among all committee chairs (or other representatives) to keep acquainted of concurrent activities.
- Review of the Hospital Value Report including a discussion about how to make it actionable. Members suggested many ideas for improving future editions of the Hospital Value Report. Several members also encouraged the Alliance to make the report public, understanding the trade-offs in creating value for members.
- Members heard a presentation by Savannah Parker of the Washington Healthcare Authority describing how they use a composite measure of quality to drive financial rewards/penalties in Apple Health and Accountable Care contracts.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- The following are suggestions from committee members about how to improve future versions of the Hospital Value Report:
 - Consider ways to indicate each hospital's payer mix and charity figures;
 - Refine the gross charge index to show allowable rates;
 - Report on the commercial population to make it more relevant to purchasers;
 - Consider showing performance trend data; and
 - It is unfortunate that available results are old (not clear what we can do to address that issue for reports using publicly available data).

Upcoming Activities:

- Members will vote to approve the Christine Palermo, MD, and if approved, transmit the recommendation to the Board of Directors for its approval in consent calendar.