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Managed Care Quality Monitoring

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# Quality Strategy

- NV Medicaid Managed Care is required to have a written Quality Strategy
  - Evaluated annually and Revised not less than every three years
  - Minimum Performance Standards – as opposed to national benchmarks
  - Available at this link:
    - [http://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnvgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Reports/NV2019-21\\_Quality%20Strategy\\_F1.pdf](http://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnvgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Reports/NV2019-21_Quality%20Strategy_F1.pdf)
- External Quality Review Technical Report
  - [http://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnvgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Reports/NV2018-19\\_EQR\\_TR\\_Report\\_F1.pdf](http://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnvgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Reports/NV2018-19_EQR_TR_Report_F1.pdf)
    - Quality strategy progress is reported beginning on page 2-3.
    - Contains all the measures and results



# Quality Strategy Goals

- Increase the use of preventative services to increase the health and wellness of recipients
- Increase the use of evidence – based services for members with chronic conditions
- Improve appropriate use of opioids
- Improve the health of mothers and newborns
- Increase the use of evidence-based services for members with behavioral health conditions
- Reduce and eliminate health disparities for Medicaid Recipients
- Increase utilization of dental services



# Measures

- Measures attached to each goal
- Using National Measures – HEDIS
- Behavioral Health Measures
  - Follow-up after ED visit for mental illness
  - Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness
  - Follow-up care for children prescribed ADHD medication
  - Initiation and engagement of abuse or dependence treatment
  - Metabolic monitoring for Children and adolescents on antipsychotic medication
  - Use of multiple concurrent antipsychotics in children and adolescents
- Measurement Issues – retired measures and COVID complications



# Performance Improvement Projects

- Rapid Cycle Process: Plan – Do- Study – Act projects are aimed at a particular issue.
- Experiments – Sometimes we learn what does not work.
- When we learn what does work, we seek to implement it broadly.
- Projects in 2018- 2019 were on the following areas:
  - Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Health Diagnosis (FUM)
  - Increase Well-Child Visits for Children 3–6 Years of Age (W34)



# Pay for Performance

- Incentive to meet particular goals:
  - Children and Adolescents Access to Primary Care Practitioners—12 Months–24 Months
  - Children and Adolescents Access to Primary Care Practitioners—25 Months–6 Years
  - Children and Adolescents Access to Primary Care Practitioners—12 Years–19 Years
  - Childhood Immunization Status—Combination 10
  - Comprehensive Diabetes Care—HbA1c Testing
  - Prenatal and Postpartum Care—Timeliness of Prenatal Care
- Financing – a portion of the capitation payment is withheld (1.25%) and paid out based on the success of meeting the performance targets.
- COVID Impact: has complicated the collection of measures.
- Currently, we are seeking new measures that we can use for this in the next contract cycle and possibly next year.



# Network Adequacy

- Current Standards

- Time and Distance standards for primary care, oncology, infectious diseases, endocrinology, pediatrics, rheumatology, dialysis centers, psychiatry, and psychology.
- Provider to enrollee ratios (1:1500)
- Timely access
  - Emergent: Specialist appointments (within 24 hours of referral). Emergency services in an ED 24/7.
  - Urgent: PCP (same day) Specialist appointments (within 3 calendar days)
  - Routine: PCP (within 2 weeks) Specialist appointments (within 30 days)
  - Timely access standards are placed on the MCO obtaining the appointment for the member within associated timeframes.
- Contemplating additional detail for the next contract -
  - For example – standards specific to psychiatrists
  - Stratified by recipient age bands



# Re-Procurement

- Large impact on the program – something of a fresh start.
- Possible that we will have new plans enter the market.
- New plans may result in measuring new performance benchmarks.
- Critical that we measure and incentivize the right goals.
- What outcomes are most important to you?



# Questions?





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# Acronyms

- HEDIS – Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
- ED – Emergency Department
- ADHD – Attention Deficit/  
Hyperactivity Disorder