QA Committee Process: A Path to Selecting the Initial Set of RCO Metrics

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General Principles

- Focus primarily on population health quality metrics
- Choose nationally recognized and validated measures
- While the collection of data should focus on electronic records, the ability of physicians without EHR's or access to HIE to report will be considered
- Goal is to have the initial set f metrics adopted by April for RCO contracting purposes

October Meeting

- Presentation on the use of quality metrics in Medicaid Programs in other states
- Update on current initiatives to collect data on quality metrics in Alabama Medicaid
- Committee Members received a notebook of reference materials and documents on national metrics that could be chosen from if desired

November Meeting:

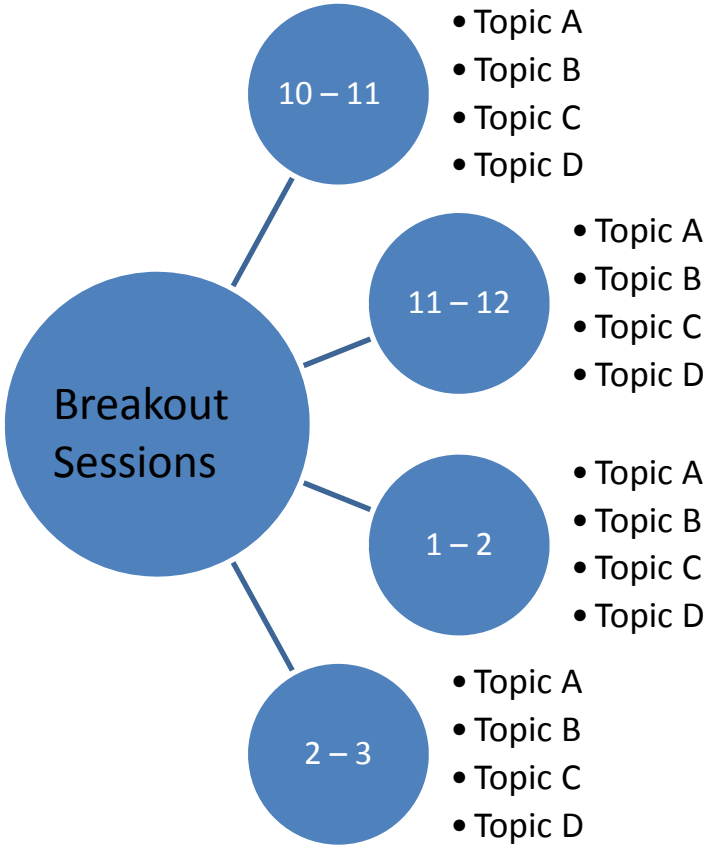
- Discussion on Health Information Exchange (HIE) and current Utilization of EHR
- Discussion on Meaningful Use and what data can be collected through current systems
- Breakout Session for Specialties:
  - Electing Chairman/woman
  - When and how the group will meet outside, between meetings
  - Who will attend what metric topic meetings
  - What metrics do the group feel are crucial and should be included in the final set.

December

- RCO QA Committee Members:
  - Submit any final metrics not in the matrix to Medicaid
  - Meet outside the in-person meetings to begin discussing measures and issues critical to be reviewed
    - Please send notes to Medicaid from meeting
- Medicaid:
  - Begin to review all submitted measures to determine the feasibility of their collection of data
  - Collate metrics around the 13 metric topics to be sent to the RCO QA Committee members

January Meeting

- Breakout sessions on the 13 topics broken into 16 groups
  - Members will be asked to prioritize their top 3 metrics in each session they go to
- After the meeting the metrics were reviewed and altered and sent out to members so that they could review the process
- Any metrics not receiving votes will be discarded



February Meeting

- Based on the progress of the initial breakout sessions during the January Meeting, the some categories were removed and will be addressed through the RCO contracts
- The meeting also provided the first general discussion regarding the total list of metrics.
  - From an initial list of 250 measures the Committee had selected about 35 metrics

March Meeting

- The RCO QA Committee were presented an analysis by consultants from Bailit Purchasing and Navigant
- Committee has chosen to address the recommendations by reviewing certain categories of measures.

April Meeting

- RCO QA Committee will review the suggested additions based on previous meeting and complete any final discussions regarding the metrics
- Committee will vote on 4 groups of measures:
  - National Benchmarks (to be used for incentives)
  - Homegrown or Alabama-adapted Measures
  - Measures Added during February and March meeting
  - Additional Recommended Measures from ADMH

May Meeting

- RCO QA Committee will complete any final discussions regarding the metrics
- Final metrics will be voted upon and approved

Current Measures

Ambulatory Care - Internal Medicine	Comprehensive Diabetes Care - LDL and HBA1C rates
	Medication Management for People with Asthma
	Proportion of days covered (PDC) for chronic medication
	ER Utilization Rate for Asthma Patients

Current Measures

Ambulatory Care - Surgery	Frequency of Selected Procedures
	Rate of dental procedures performed in surgical units

Current Measures

Ambulatory Care - Pediatrics	Childhood Immunization Status
	Immunizations for Adolescents
	Children's and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Providers
	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life
	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life
	Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Six Years of Life
	Adolescent Well-Care Visits

Current Measures

Inpatient Care	Elective Delivery >= 37 and < 39 weeks
	Plan All-Cause Readmission
	Ambulatory Care-Sensitive Condition Admission

Current Measures

Chemical Dependency	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Metric
	Urine Drug Screening for Chronic Pain Patients

Current Measures

Mental Health Treatment	Follow-up care for children prescribed ADHD medication
	Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness
	Antidepressant Medication Management
	Mental Health Utilization
	Access to Behavioral Health Provider (encounter for a visit) within 7 days of being designated as "active care" for an initial visit
	Reduced Utilization of Psychiatric Inpatient Beds - 30 day readmission (adults/children)

Current Measures

Oral Health Care	Total Eligibles Who Received Preventative Dental Services (ages 1-20)
	Completion of the AAP Oral Health Risk Assessment

Current Measures

Maternity/ Infant Mortality	Prenatal and Postpartum Care
	Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care
	Total number of infant death per 1,000 children, ages zero to 365 days as of December 31 of the measurement year.
	Depression Screening for all Maternity Patients

Current Measures

Cardiovascular/ Obesity	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children / Adolescents
	Adult BMI Assessment

Current Measures

Access to Care/ Equitable Health Outcomes	Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Services [All Ages]
	Inappropriate or Low-Acuity Non-Emergent (LANE) ED Visits
	Ambulatory Care, ED Visits

Questions???