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RE: 2016 Report Year, Final Recommendations
Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System

Please find attached the Final Slate of Proposed Measures for Physician Clinics and Hospitals that MNCM and Stratis Health are recommending for the 2016 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System (SQRMS). Delivery of these final recommendations for both physician clinics and hospitals is in accordance with II.A.1 through II.A.5 of the contract.

Per II.A.1: All measures included in both slates are recommended for public reporting.

Final Slate of Measures for Physician Clinics

The preliminary slate of proposed measures for physician clinics was presented to and approved by MNCM's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) on Wednesday, April 8. The final slate of measures was presented to and approved by MARC on June 10 per II.A.3.

The final slate incorporates two minor changes for clarification purposes only:

- 1) The word "Primary" was removed from the Maternity Care C-Section measure as this population is sub-defined as nulliparous.
- 2) Index dates for depression remission will be based on the calendar year. This is a function of reporting and calculation within MNCM's data portal and does **not** change data submission for the physician clinics.

Please see detail in the cover memo and attachments dated April 15 that accompanied the preliminary slate for supporting documentation and rationale of the measure recommendations.

Additional physician clinic quality measures were not considered at this time due to four first-year measures implemented in 2015 (II.A.5).

Final Slate of Measures for Hospitals

Stratis Health, in collaboration with the Minnesota Hospital Association, convened the Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee (HQRSC) multiple times during 2014 and 2015 to arrive at the final slate of 2016 hospital measures. The HQRSC, which is the designated body to identify hospital measure



recommendations per II.A.3, finalized its recommendations to MNMCM regarding hospital measures for SQRMS. The HQRSC meetings are summarized below:

- October 27, 2014 – Committee’s charter was reviewed, and a prioritization vote of hospital measures was completed. The result indicated the workgroup’s top priority was to align state with national and federal measures
- January 9, 2015 – Recap of Committee work to date and Safer Care subgroup update
- February 10, 2015 - Review federal and national programs towards measure alignment
- March 26, 2015 – Alignment recommendations discussed and formulated into hospital recommendations

Please refer to the supporting documentation from the preliminary recommendations (April 15, 2015) for further details on this Committee work.

The final recommended changes to the 2016 hospital measures have been summarized in the attached report “Hospital Quality Reporting Steering Committee Summary of Recommendations for 2016 Hospital Measures”. Addendum G addresses further justification for measure removals and additions.

The enclosures listed below support the final recommendations and information presented in this memo.

Enclosures:

1. 2016 Final Slate of Proposed Measures for Physician Clinics
2. 2016 Final Slate of Proposed Measures for Hospitals (Appendix D of #5 below)
3. Approved MARC meeting minutes April 8, 2015: <http://mncm.org/about-us/leadership/marc>
4. Approved June 10, 2015 MARC minutes: <http://mncm.org/about-us/leadership/marc>
5. Final Report: “Hospital Quality Steering Committee Summary of Recommendations for 2016 Hospital Measures”