

DATE: June 9, 2011

**RE: Additional hospital quality measures
Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System
Proposed by the Minnesota Department of Health**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is considering including four additional hospital quality measures in the Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System.

MDH is aware of the Minnesota Hospital Association's (MHA's) recent pilot project to enhance the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) quality indicators by developing a methodology to calculate the indicators using both administrative and lab data sets. The development of this hybrid calculation methodology has been completed and is available to be applied to AHRQ indicators. MDH is considering including of four new AHRQ indicators in the Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System that will be calculated using this clinical data enhanced methodology.

The four new AHRQ quality indicators calculated using the clinical data enhanced methodology proposed by MDH are the following:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) Mortality (IQI 15)
- Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Mortality (IQI 16)
- Acute Stroke Mortality (IQI 17)
- Pneumonia Mortality (IQI 20)

All Minnesota hospitals already submit their discharge, or claims, data to MHA for the calculation of other AHRQ quality indicators required by the Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System using the traditional claims-only methodology. With the addition of these four hybrid AHRQ indicators to the Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System for 2012 reporting, hospitals would also need to submit lab data to MHA. MHA would then merge each hospital's lab and administrative data sets to calculate the results for these four AHRQ hybrid indicators and transmit summary level results to MDH.

The Minnesota Department of Health invites interested stakeholders to review and comment on its proposal to include four AHRQ quality indicators that will be calculated using the hybrid methodology in the 2012 Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System. Please send your comments to health.reform@state.mn.us through June 26.

Additionally, MDH and MNCM will hold a **public forum in St. Paul on Tuesday, June 21**, to present the final quality measure recommendations in connection with the annual update and expansion of the Statewide Quality Reporting and Measurement System. The public forum will include an opportunity for interested stakeholders to comment on the recommendations and to ask questions.

MDH will consider all public comments during the development of the 2011 proposed rule. The proposed rule will be published in August.

Public Forum Information:

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

1-3 p.m.

Hamline Midway Branch

Library Auditorium

Saint Paul Public Library*

1558 West Minnehaha Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

Directions:

<http://www.stpaul.lib.mn.us/locations/hamline-midway.html>