

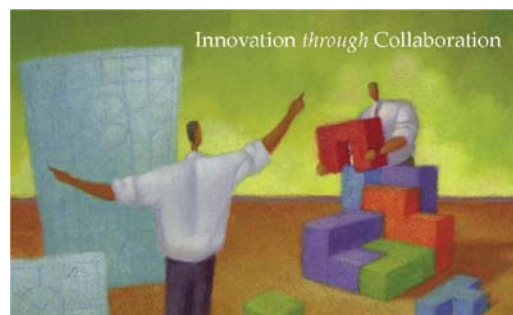


## *IHA Pay for Performance Newsletter*

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Welcome to the IHA Pay for Performance (P4P) Newsletter, a communication about California P4P program updates.

Information included in the P4P Newsletter is designed to provide you with key updates that support the overall goal of P4P: to significantly improve physician group performance in quality of health care and patient experience through public recognition and financial reward.



### **MY 2009 Testing Measures**

The following measures are being considered for testing for MY 2009:

- Rotavirus vaccine
- Hepatitis A vaccine
- Combination rates for Childhood Immunization
- Adherence to Chronic Medication for Diabetes Mellitus
- Medication Possession Ratio for Chronic Medications

These measures are currently being specified and will then undergo a full vetting through the P4P Committees. Measures that are approved by the Steering Committee will be released for Public Comment in September.

### **MY 2009 IT-Enabled Systemness**

There will be a change to the MY 2009 draft manual for the IT-Enabled Systemness Domain. Measure 4 (Interoperability) is being removed from the measurement set for MY 2009. The points for this domain will be recalculated based on this change. This measure may be refined and added to a future measurement set.

### **Efficiency Update**

Appropriate Resource Use measures were approved by the Steering Committee for addition to the P4P measure set for measurement year 2009 (link to [Appropriate Resource Use Measures for P4P MY 2009](#)). In addition, the Total Cost of Care measure has been tested and approved by the Steering Committee, contingent on receiving additional data from health plans.

Efficiency results will not be released with the other P4P results in July. We are aiming for a mid-September release of measurement year 2008 baseline results for the Appropriate Resource Use measures.

### **Data Sharing Update**

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Bi-directional data flow has been incorporated into P4P payment recommendations approved for Measurement Year (MY) 2009. The P4P Steering Committee approved the recommendation that health plans pay P4P incentive bonuses differentially based on whether the PO is sharing clinical data according to specified requirements.

Four health plans have indicated that they intend to implement this data sharing payment recommendation for MY 2009. Details of how this will be implemented will be communicated to contracted groups by each of the four plans.

## P4P Timeline

\*Please note changes from timeline in MY 2008 manual\*

- **June 25** - Preliminary reports released to POs
- **June 25 to July 1** - Appeals Process - POs and plans can submit appeals for results they believe are incorrect
- **July 10** - Final payout reports released to health plans
- **July 17** - Final reports released to POs

## \* Announcements \*

### Audio Broadcast

An audio broadcast on the evidence-based cervical cancer screening measure has been scheduled for July 13 10:30 am -11:30 am. Online registration and more information on the broadcast can be found at the following link: [Audio Broadcast - July 13](#).

### MY 2009 Advanced Notice

The P4P Steering Committee adopted a policy that health plans participating in P4P should communicate both P4P incentive payment budget amounts and methodology by the beginning of the measurement year. This "advanced notice" was delayed for MY 2009 since final payment recommendations were not approved by the Steering Committee until their January 30, 2009 meeting.

The MY 2009 Advanced Notice is available at the following link:

[MY 2009 Advanced Notice](#).

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