



Pay for Performance Newsletter ***December 2010***

MY 2010 Measure Set

- **MY 2010 Manual**

The final [MY 2010 P4P manual](#) is now available on the IHA website. The specifications in this manual are final and frozen, and are what physician organizations (POs) will be held accountable for.

- **Summary of Changes for MY 2010**

New measures to be collected, reported, and recommended for payment:

- Clinical
 - Childhood Immunization Status - Combination of all Antigens
 - Adolescent Immunizations - Combination of Meningococcal and Tdap/Td
 - Asthma Medication Ratio
- Coordinated Diabetes Care
 - Blood Pressure Control for People with Diabetes (<140/90)
 - Optimal Diabetes Care - Combination of HbA1c Control (<8%), LDL Control (<100), and Nephropathy Monitoring
- IT-Enabled Systemness
 - Electronic Reporting of Blood Pressure for People with Hypertension

- **Submission Change**

Breast Cancer Screening: Ages 42-69 will continue to be collected for reporting and payment. A 52-69 age band has also been included in the P4P data file layouts and will be collected to establish a baseline for MY 2011. See explanation of change in MY 2011 section.

[Data submission file layout for POs](#) and [Data submission file layout for Health Plans](#) are now available on the IHA website.

- **MY 2010 FAQs**

Please visit the IHA website for the most recent set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ). P4P follows NCQA in issuing updates as FAQs. We strongly recommend that you adhere to clarifications and changes outlined in the FAQs. Adhering to these changes will ensure that the MY 2010 P4P measures are run successfully.

- **2010 Public Comment**

The [Public Comment feedback related to MY 2010](#), with staff responses, is now available on the IHA website.

- **MY 2010 Data Collection and Reporting Timeline Highlights**

- March 25 ~ May 2, 2011 - Data Layout Test Files: Self-reporting POs and health plans submit data layout test files. The final TEST file is basically a final "clean" file that requires DDD approval before it is sent to your auditor.
- May 6, 2011 - Submission Files to Auditors: Self-reporting POs and health plans send submission files to auditors.

- May 13, 2011 - Auditor-Locked P4P Results: Self-reporting POs and health plans submit auditor-locked P4P Clinical results.
- May 24, 2011 - Validation Reports: NCQA posts POs' validation reports.
- May 24 ~ May 31, 2011 - PO Validation Period: POs identify data issues by plan for MY 2010 P4P Clinical Results.

Refer to the [MY 2010 P4P manual](#) for full data collection and reporting timeline.

MY 2011 Measure Set

- **MY 2011 Manual**

An updated version of the [MY 2011 draft manual](#) is posted on the IHA website.

- **Summary of Changes for MY 2011**

- Clinical
 - Encounter Rate threshold will be increased from 4.00 to 4.25 encounters per member per year.
 - Breast Cancer Screening: Ages 52-69 will be collected for reporting and payment. Following the USPSTF release of new Breast Cancer Screening guidelines in November 2009, P4P urged NCQA to expedite its decision on whether to change HEDIS to align with USPSTF. NCQA's decision will not be final until mid-2011, so P4P proceeded with its own decision. Starting in MY 2011, P4P will only recommend incentive payment based on breast cancer screening rate for women ages 52-69 years. The P4P committees feel this aligns with where evidence is strongest.
- Patient Experience
 - Specialty Care measure will be removed. Instead, Timely Care and Service and Doctor-Patient Interaction measures will be reported separately for PCPs and for Specialists.
- IT-Enabled Systemness
 - Current measures will be replaced by 15 "core set" measures proposed by CMS and the ONC, forming the new Meaningful Use of Health IT domain, with a higher weight of 30%. The domain will also include two population management measures from the "menu set" proposed by CMS and the ONC, as well as the existing Chronic Care Management measure (Systemness Measure 3 Element B).
- Efficiency
 - Total Cost of Care will be measured to establish a baseline for payment for MY 2012.

- **Public Comment**

The [Public Comment feedback related to MY 2011](#), with staff responses, is now available on the IHA website.

Announcements

Audio Broadcast

On January 19 and January 24, 2011, IHA will host a P4P Audio Broadcast to highlight program updates. Both sessions will have the same content. Click one of the following links to register:

- [Wednesday, January 19, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM](#)
- [Monday, January 24, 1:30 - 3:00 PM](#)

Medicare Advantage Report Card

The [PO report card for Medicare Advantage](#), based on Measurement Year 2009 results, is now available on the IHA Website. The Medicare results are for clinical measures only and are based on data submitted by 103 self-reporting POs.

When compared to MY 2008, MY 2009 clinical performance for Medicare Advantage was on average higher, with POs in Bay Area and Sacramento regions exhibiting the highest average performance in California. POs who earned the top performer awards for commercial HMO/POS in MY 2009 also had on average higher Medicare Advantage performance, when compared to the rest of POs. These top performing POs showed a higher Information Technology (IT) capability, signaling a possible association between IT and quality of performance.

Financial Transparency Report and Advanced Notice

The final [MY 2009 Transparency Report](#) is now posted on the IHA Website. This document reports the incentive payment amounts and methodology for each health plan for incentive payments made in 2010, based on performance in 2009.

An updated version of the MY 2010 Advanced Notice will be available in early January. This document will show P4P participating health plans' intended incentive payment budget amounts and methodology for the 2011 payout year.

National P4P Summit

[Register Now](#) for the 6th National P4P Summit taking place March 23 ~ 25, 2011 in San Francisco, California.

P4P Stakeholders Meeting

SAVE THE DATE for the annual P4P Stakeholders meeting that will be held on September 22, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Los Angeles, California. Additional information is forthcoming.

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