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## *Pay for Performance Newsletter*

*April 2010*

### **P4P Timeline Highlights**

- **March 26 - May 2, 2010 - 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 7, 2010 - Submission Files to Auditors:** Self-reporting POs and health plans send submission files to auditors.
- **May 14, 2010 - Auditor-Locked P4P Results:** Self-reporting POs and health plans submit auditor-locked P4P Clinical results.
- **May 28, 2010 - Validation Reports:** NCQA posts POs' validation reports.
- **May 31 - June 4, 2010 - PO Validation Period:** POs identify data issues by plan for MY 2009 P4P Clinical Results.

**NOTE: There is a correction to the dates for the MY 2009 Appeals Process. Appeals will be accepted from June 25 - July 1, 2010. This allows physician organizations (PO) five business days after the date on which Preliminary Reports are released.**

The full [MY 2009 data collection and reporting timeline](#) is available on the IHA website.

### **MY 2009 FAQs**

Please visit the [IHA website](#) for the most recent set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) which was released on January 15, 2010. Although measure specifications were frozen with the November 17 release, there are some instances in which updates are identified. P4P follows NCQA in issuing updates as FAQs. We strongly recommend that you adhere to changes outlined in the FAQs. Adhering to these changes will ensure that the MY 2009 P4P measures are run successfully.

The [draft MY 2010 manual](#) is also available on the IHA website.

### **Update on Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations**

Following the release of the new USPSTF recommendations for breast cancer screening in November 2009, the P4P Technical Quality Committee (TQC) discussed the status of the current P4P measure. Since the P4P measure is based on a HEDIS measure, P4P decided to closely follow the NCQA process for modifications. NCQA recently informed the TQC that modifications to the HEDIS measure will be delayed until next year. The TQC urged NCQA to re-consider their timeline for potential modifications and review the measure at the earliest opportunity. We will continue to

monitor the NCQA process and discuss again at the July TQC meeting.

## Financial Transparency Report and Advanced Notice

The [MY 2008 Transparency Report](#) is now available on the IHA Website. This document reports the actual payment amounts and methodology for each health plan for the 2009 payout year.

The [MY 2010 Advanced Notice](#) is also available. This document shows P4P participating health plans' intended incentive payment budget amounts and methodology for the 2011 payout year.

## Report Cards

Two public report cards for Measurement Year 2008 performance are now available.

The [PO report card for Commercial HMO](#), based on Measurement Year 2008 results, is now available on the Office of the Patient Advocate website. This report card includes clinical and patient experience results. For clinical, there are 3 levels of results:

1. an overall score of 1-4 stars
2. six topic scores of 1-4 stars (new this year)
3. actual rates for 19 measures

The [PO report card for Medicare Advantage](#), based on Measurement Year 2008 results, is now available on the IHA Website. The Medicare results are for clinical measures only, and are based on data submitted by 112 self-reporting POs.

## Announcements

### Technical Quality Committee Chair

Alan Glaseroff, MD resigned as Chair of the P4P Technical Quality Committee due to other local and national commitments. Alan played an extremely valuable role in the P4P program and we thank him for all of his hard work and dedication. Alan is the Chief Medical Officer at Humboldt-Del Norte IPA and will continue to serve on the Steering Committee as a PO representative.

Jerry Penso, MD has been elected as the new Chair of the P4P Technical Quality Committee. Jerry has thorough knowledge of the P4P Program through his work on the P4P Executive Committee and also brings expertise through his participation in other statewide initiatives. Jerry is Associate Medical Director of Quality Programs at Sharp Reese-Stealy Medical Group in San Diego.

### P4P Stakeholders Meeting

SAVE THE DATE for the annual P4P Stakeholders meeting that will be held on **September 22, 2010** from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in Los Angeles. Additional information is forthcoming.

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