

Helpful Resources

Rebooting Evaluation: From Tedious Exercise to Essential Change Agent

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS.gov) – 2014 Clinical Quality Measures:

http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/2014_ClinicalQualityMeasures.html

Eligible Professionals (EP) Clinical Quality Measures: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/EP_MeasuresTable_Posting_CQMs.pdf

National Quality Forum (NQF) – The concept of meaningful use was developed by NQF, and their stamp of approval on a measure is currently associated with CMS endorsement. NQF Measures, Reports, and Tools: http://www.qualityforum.org/Measures_Reports_Tools.aspx

National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC) – an initiative of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It is a database and website for information on evidence-based health care quality measures and measure sets. Click here to go to a tool that helps you SEARCH for applicable measures: <http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/search/advanced-search.aspx>

SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions – Screening Tools:

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/screening-tools>

How are health plans measuring performance/ outcomes? The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a tool used by more than 90 percent of America's health plans to measure performance on important dimensions of care and service. Altogether, HEDIS consists of 75 measures across 8 domains of care. More info.: <http://www.ncqa.org/HEDISQualityMeasurement.aspx>

Institute for Healthcare Improvement – The IHI Triple Aim Initiative:

<http://www.ihl.org/Engage/Initiatives/TripleAim/Pages/default.aspx>

Meaningful Use and Health Information Technology in the Context of Behavioral Health:

A 2012 study by The National Council for Behavioral Health assessing 500 behavioral health organizations nationally regarding health information technology and readiness for meaningful use:

<http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/HIT-Survey-Full-Report.pdf>

Feeling like you would prefer a narrative description after reviewing the above websites? The American Bar Association offers a couple of primers/ refreshers that clarify the effect of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on behavioral healthcare, specifically regarding outcomes (see second link):

ACO mission: Behavioral Healthcare Under the Medicare Shared Savings Program

http://www.americanbar.org/content/newsletter/publications/aba_health_esource_home/aba_health_law_esource_1106_aco_ries.html

Healthcare Reform and Mental Health (scroll down to "Ready, Set, Report")

https://www.americanbar.org/newsletter/publications/aba_health_esource_home/Ries.html

General Trends: Raising the Bar for Outcomes

The Excellence in Mental Health Act: On March 31, 2014, Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 4302), which included a demonstration program based on the Excellence in Mental Health Act.

<http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/topics/excellence-in-mental-health-act/>

Executives Leading Outcomes: a paper recommended by the National Council – Swensen S, Pugh M, McMullan C, Kabcenell A. *High-Impact Leadership: Improve Care, Improve the Health of Populations, and Reduce Costs*. IHI White Paper. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Institute for Healthcare Improvement; 2013. (Available at [ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org))