



## ***COMPLIANCE ALERT 12-03***

# ***CMS Announces Initial Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults***

CMS has announced the initial core set of health care quality measures for Medicaid-eligible adults as required by the Affordable Care Act. These measures are for voluntary use by State programs. By January 1, 2013, CMS will issue guidance for submitting the initial core set to CMS in a standardized format that will be used by States choosing to collect this information. Voluntary reporting will begin in December 2013.

**SUMMARY:** The announced measures are as follows:

	<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>Measure Steward<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Measure Name</b>
1	Prevention & Health Promotion	NCQA	Flu Shots for Adults Ages 50-64
2		NCQA	Adult BMI Assessment
3		NCQA	Breast Cancer Screening
4		NCQA	Cervical Cancer Screening
5		NCQA	Medical Assistance with Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation
6		CMS	Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up Plan
7		NCQA	Plan All-Cause Readmission
8		AHRQ	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
9		AHRQ	Diabetes, Short-term complications Admission Rate
10		AHRQ	Congestive Heart Failure Admission Rate
11		AHRQ	Adult Asthma Admission Rate
12		NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women ages 21-24
13	Management of Acute Conditions	NCQA	Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness
14		HCA, TJC	Elective Delivery
15		POV/CWISH/NPIC/QAS/TJC	Antenatal Steroids
16	Management of Chronic Conditions	NCQA	Annual HIV/AIDS Medical Visit
17		NCQA	Controlling high blood pressure
18		NCQA	Comprehensive diabetes care: LDL-C screening
19		NCQA	Comprehensive diabetes care: Hemoglobin

			A1c Testing
20		NCQA	Antidepressant medication management
21		CMS-QMHAG	Adherence to antipsychotics for individuals with schizophrenia
22		NCQA	Annual monitoring for patients on persistent medications
23	Family Experiences of Care	AHRQ & NCQA	CAHPS Health Plan Survey v 4.0—Adult Questionnaire with CAHPS Health Plan Survey v 4.0H—NCQA Supplemental
24	Care Coordination	AMA—PCPI	Care Transition—Transition record transmitted to health care professional
25	Availability	NCQA	Initiation and engagement of alcohol and other drug dependence treatment
26		NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Postpartum Care Rate (second component to CHIPRA core measure “Timeliness of Prenatal Care.” State would now report 2/2 components instead of 1).

<sup>1</sup>AHRQ=Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

CMS=Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS-QMHAG—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Quality Measurement and Health Assessment Group

HCA, TJC—Hospital Corporation of America-Women’s and Children’s Clinical Services, The Joint Commission

NCQA—National Committee for Quality Assurance

Prov/CWISH/NPIC/QAS/TJC—Providence St. Vincent Medical Center/Council of Women’s and Infants’ Specialty

Hospitals/National Perinatal Information Center/Quality Analytic Services/The Joint Commission

TJC—The Joint Commission

**ACTION NEEDED:** Administrators and Quality Assurance personnel should discuss how/if they want to implement the collection of this information and be vigilant to see whether Hawaii Medicaid Office chooses to collect data on these measures.

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