

QASC Work Group Updates

Cost of Care Work Group Update

- Summary from Most Recent Work Group Call (February 18)
 - Welcomed four new work group members.
 - Reviewed this year's priorities: Monitor ABMS episode-based cost-of-care measure endorsement process; provide technical and implementation expertise for Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) episode-based cost-of-care measure implementation; identify opportunities for cost-of-care measure development in the context of health IT-related initiatives, including Beacon Community.
 - Provided work group status updates on AF4Q Cost of Care technical assistance project.
 - Provided an overview of Beacon technical assistance project and its activities related with data and performance measurement. Brookings staff might solicit help from this group in the future about opportunities of test or develop cost and efficiency measures in Beacon.

Cost of Care Work Group Update (cont.)

- Next Steps (Action Items)/Meeting Times
 - Next work group call is in May. Between now and May, we will send out monthly updates on AF4Q cost of care technical assistant project.

MIS Work Group Update

- Summary of February call
 - Update on QASC activities, review of 2011 charter and work plan
 - Overview of the Beacon Community Project
 - Brookings-Dartmouth ACO Initiative and Pilot Project
- Upcoming call in March; likely topics include:
 - Results from a survey of ACO pilot project participants on their approach to clinically-enriched performance measurement
 - Overview of the National Performance Measurement Strategy

NRI Work Group Update

- Summary of February call
 - National Quality Forum (NQF) Performance Dashboard project
 - RWJF-funded, Regional Feasibility Assessment
 - Establishing communication channels to update regional and national organizations of performance measure implementation activities
- Next call – May 18th
 - Conduct Work Group assessment of unmet support needs for regional collaboratives and opportunities /solutions to alleviate barriers
 - Brookings will work to develop a web-based resource to share regional/national performance measurement implementation activities

Patient-Reported Measurement Work Group Update

- Progress Made To Date
 - Finalized the Work Group charter and workplan
 - Disseminated Work Group invitations
 - Began to develop conference agenda and materials
- Upcoming call on March 28th; likely topics include:
 - Discussion of the PRM Work Group Charter and Work Plan for 2011
 - Review of existing patient-reported measurement tools and instruments
 - Discussion of ongoing patient-reported measurement implementation activities