Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program Annual Call for Measures Fact Sheet

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is initiating its Annual Call for Measures to allow stakeholders to be involved in the evolution of Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program measures for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs). Proposals must be submitted by **Wednesday, June 30, 2021** to be considered for future rulemaking.

CMS continues to work to ensure that the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program leverages technology to increase provider and patient engagement, advances the utilization of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT), reduces reporting burden, advances interoperability and improves patient access to health information.

The Annual Call for Measures process allows eligible hospitals and CAHs, professional associations, medical societies, and other stakeholders, such as researchers and consumer groups, to identify and submit measures.

Considerations for Submitting Measures

CMS requests that stakeholders consider the following priority areas when submitting measures. We are seeking measures that:

- Build on the advanced use of CEHRT using 2015 Edition and/or 2015 Edition Cures Update Certification Standards and Criteria;
- Promote interoperability and health information exchange;
- Improve program efficiency, effectiveness, and flexibility;
- Provide patients access to their health information;
- Reduce clinician burden; and
- Align with the Promoting Interoperability Performance Category for eligible clinicians participating in the Merit-based Incentive Payment System.

All Call for Measure comments are welcome, but we are seeking submissions specifically on:

- Health IT activities that may be attested to in lieu of traditional reporting
- Potential new Opioid Use Disorder prevention and treatment-related measures
- Measurable outcomes demonstrating greater efficiency in costs or resource use that can be linked to the use of health IT-enabled processes.

Measure Submission Process

Measure proposals will be accepted through Wednesday, June 30, 2021 and should be submitted to CMSPICallForMeasures@ketchum.com using the submission form. The form requires the following information for submission:

- Measures description;
- Yes/No statement and exclusion criteria (if applicable);

- Numerator and numerator description/Denominator and denominator description and exclusion criteria (if applicable);
- Any applicable measure exclusions; and
- Required CEHRT functionalities (if applicable).

CMS Measure Review Process

Measure proposals will be reviewed at CMS for completeness. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. CMS will review and select measures for consideration based on the areas of interest and priorities.