

MBQIP Update

Removal of Outpatient Measures OP-2 and OP-3

Summary

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the two outpatient measures that are currently part of MBQIP will be removed following Q1 2023 data submission:

- OP-2: Fibrinolytic Therapy Received Within 30 Minutes of Emergency Department Arrival
- OP-3: Median Time to Transfer to Another Facility for Acute Coronary Intervention

CAHs should continue to collect these measures through Q1 2023 encounters (due 8/1/2023). Starting with Q2 2023 encounters, the measures do not need to be collected, and the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) platform will no longer be accepting submission of data for these measures.

Background

As part of the annual rule-making process, CMS regularly removes measures from the Inpatient and Outpatient Quality Reporting programs (IQR, OQR). Once CMS has removed a measure from the IQR or OQR program, it is no longer possible to submit data for this measure to the HQR platform. When feasible, FORHP works to align MBQIP measures with other Federal reporting programs. Thus, removal of measures from the IQR or OQR programs typically results in removal of those measures from MBQIP.

CMS removed these two measures due to the availability of a more broadly applicable measure, the ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) into the Hospital OQR Program measure set. FORHP is considering the addition of the STEMI eCQM (OP-40) into the MBQIP measure set.

The STEMI eCQM (OP-40) is an electronic process measure that includes both the populations of OP-2 and OP-3. It measures the percentage of ED patients diagnosed with STEMI that receive timely fibrinolytic therapy (within 30 minutes) or timely transfer to a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)-capable facility (within 45 minutes). Additionally, the STEMI eCQM (OP-40) captures transfer and non-transfer patients at a PCI-capable facility who receive PCI (within 90 minutes). CMS believes the adoption of the STEMI eCQM will capture the OP-2 and OP-3 measure populations and expand beyond these populations to comprehensively measure the timeliness and appropriateness of STEMI care. OP-2 and OP-3 are chart-abstracted measures, which CMS believes results in greater provider burden due to manual abstraction, where the STEMI eCQM (OP-40) allows for the retrieval of data directly from the electronic health record (EHR) using patient level data. It is their belief that the STEMI eCQM (OP-40) is a more broadly applicable measure and transitions the Hospital OQR Program toward the use of EHR data for quality measurement.

Next Steps

- An article about the removal of these measures will be included in the February MBQIP Monthly that Flex programs can use as a communication mechanism to CAHs.
- Flex programs should encourage their CAHs to continue to report the AMI chart abstracted measure data through Q1 2023 (data submission deadline of August 1, 2023).
- FORHP and RQITA will be updating MBQIP resources and documents to reflect the removal of these measures from MBQIP.