



Fact Sheet

Physician Group Incentive Program

2012

About Value Partnerships

Value Partnerships is a collection of clinically oriented initiatives among Michigan physicians, hospitals and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan that are improving clinical quality, reducing complications, controlling cost trends, eliminating errors, and improving health outcomes throughout Michigan.

About The Physician Group Incentive Program

The Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) began in 2005 to encourage and incentivize physicians to more effectively manage populations of patients and build an infrastructure to more robustly measure and monitor care quality. As of September 2011, 40 physician organizations (POs) across the state of Michigan representing nearly 15,000 primary care physicians and specialists are working together to improve health care for nearly 2 million Michigan Blues members. Additionally, PGIP is cultivating a healthier future for all Michigan residents by catalyzing all payer system development. Patients throughout the state, regardless of payer, benefit from the improved care processes developed through the PGIP provider community.

Cardiac Care Initiative – Phase II

Overview

The Cardiac Care Initiative (CCI) consists of three phases. POs participating in the CCI must participate in all phases of the Initiative. Phase I is designed to reduce the use of unnecessary cardiac diagnostic procedures and limit the associated cost trend. Phase II is designed to enhance the quality of ambulatory cardiac care provided to BCBSM members. The first two phases of the CCI complement and build upon the goals of two other current PGIP Initiatives - the Radiology Initiative and the Evidence Based Care Tracking Initiative. Phase III addresses the diagnostic/therapeutic cascade in cardiac care. Phases I and II were initially rolled out in the 2011 program year; Phase III is being introduced in the 2012 program year.

Objectives

- Increase the use of warfarin or dabigatran in patients with atrial fibrillation
- Improve the monthly international normalized ratio (INR) testing rate for patients with atrial fibrillation on warfarin
- Increase the proportion of patients with a qualifying cardiac event who receive cardiac rehabilitation
- Increase the proportion of patients who remain on a beta blocker for six months following a myocardial infarction
- Increase the proportion of patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) who receive a lipid lowering drug
- Improve the annual cholesterol (i.e., LDL-C) screening rate for patients with CAD
- Increase the proportion of patients with heart failure who are prescribed an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB)
- Increase the proportion of patients with heart failure who remain on an ACE/ARB

(Note: All of these measures are also current Evidence Based Care Report (EBCR) measures.)



Incentive Design

The incentive payment will be based on performance and improvement. Because of the congruence of the two Initiatives and the potential to amplify the impact on quality of care, POs participating in both the CCI and the Evidence Based Tracking Initiative may receive incentive payments for performance and improvement under both Initiatives.

Participation Criteria

All phases of the CCI are applicable to the following PGIP physician specialties:

- General Practice
- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Geriatric Medicine (Internal Medicine and Family Medicine)

Specialty

- Cardiology

(Note: Cardiac and thoracic surgeons are not eligible for participation in the CCI.)

Evaluation

The evaluation of the CCI is designed to assess the effectiveness of the Initiative in achieving stated objectives. The evaluation assesses the Initiative's effect on the short-term implementation, intermediate-term, and long-term outcome objectives of the CCI.

Results

Almost half of the PGIP POs - 18 of 39 - participated in the CCI in the first year. Further results are to be determined and will be reported in future updates.

Questions about the Cardiac Care Initiative?

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