

# Dental Quality Metrics as Part of Oregon's Health Transformation

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- I am an employee of the Oregon Health and Science University;
- The following presentation is my personal opinions and should not be construed as representing the views of OHSU, or the Oregon Health Authority and its workgroup.

#### Outline of this Presentation

- Performance Metrics framework in Oregon's Health Care Transformation
- CCO Metrics Requirements and Incentives
- Integration of Dental Care and Quality Metrics
- Proposed Metrics for 2015 (process)
- Conclusions and future perspectives



# Overriding Goals - Triple Aim

Better health for the population

Better care for individuals

**Lower cost** through improvements



#### Performance measurement structure

- Oregon Metrics and Scoring Committee was established in 2012
- Main purpose: Establish outcomes and quality measures for CCOs as part of the Accountability Plan – waiver agreement with CMS
- Initial task: To define quality improvement metrics for the CCO integration of the physical and mental health fields
- Later: Define quality metrics for dental care for 2014 integration process

# State Commitment to CMS: Quality and Access Metrics

- State is accountable to CMS for 33 metrics –significant financial penalties for the state for not improving
- CCO's are accountable for 17 of the metrics— there are financial incentives for improvement or meeting a benchmark
- ☐ The 33 metrics are grouped into 7 quality improvement focus areas:
  - Improving behavioral and physical health coordination
  - Improving perinatal and maternity care
  - Reducing avoidable ED visits and re-hospitalizations
  - Ensuring appropriate care is delivered in appropriate settings
  - Improving primary care for all populations
  - Reducing preventable and unnecessarily costly utilization by super users
  - Addressing discrete health issues (such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension)

#### Dental Quality Metrics Workgroup formed by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in June 2013

- Recommend objective outcome and quality measures and benchmarks for oral health care services provided by coordinated care organizations
- Measures to be incorporated into OHA's overall measurement framework and recommended for inclusion in the set of CCO incentive measures for 2015.



# Workgroup Tasks

- Identify recommended measures and benchmarks for the adult and pediatric populations; and for the following domains: prevention; treatment; and access.
- Measures consistent with existing state and national quality measures
- Oregon Health Authority will hold Coordinated Care Organizations accountable for performance and customer satisfaction requirements.

#### Measure Selection Criteria

- 1. Representative of the services provided and beneficiaries served by the CCOs.
- 2. Use valid and reliable performance measures.
- 3. Rely on national measures whenever possible.
- 4. Focus on outcomes to the extent possible.
- 5. Exclude measures that would be expected to be heavily influenced by patient case mix.
- 6. Control for the effects of random variation (e.g. measure type, denominator size).

### National Quality Forum Summary on Dental



Oral Health Performance Measurement: Environmental Scan, Gap Analysis & Measure Topics Prioritization

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TECHNICAL REPORT July 6, 2012

- ☐ Considerable number of oral health performance measures exist, many are redundant, overlapping, ill-defined or non-standardized ☐ Process measures are abundant; outcome measures are scarce.
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- ☐ Lack of diagnostic coding limits the ability to collect and report data
- ☐ Few examples of measures that are both standardized and robust enough to be tied to incentives
- ☐ Well developed and tested patient experience of care survey exists,

but not in widespread use

#### Identifying Candidate Metrics in Dental

- Review of metrics library comprising almost 100 dental quality metrics by DQA, NQF, NPP, Healthy People 2020, AHRQ, NQMC, CAHPS, HEDIS, EPSDT, CHIPRA, CMS, MSDA, HRSA
- Workgroup preference vote
- Prioritization, selection, and discussion



# Recommendations of Dental Metrics 1<sup>st</sup> round

Measure	Source
Dental fissure sealant on permanent molars *	EPSDT [CMS 12d]
Members aged 2-21 receiving any dental service *	EPSDT [CMS 12a]
Dental CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems – 2 questions) #	CAHPS dental plan survey
Topical fluoride intensity for children at elevated caries risk #	DQA
Comprehensive exam rate #	DQA

<sup>\*</sup> Incentive Pool candidate



<sup>#</sup> Monitoring

#### CAHPS Patient Experience

- Question #4 -- A regular dentist is one you would go to for check-ups and cleanings or when you have a cavity or tooth pain. Do you have a regular dentist?
- Question #14 -- If you needed to see a dentist right away because of a dental emergency in the last 12 months, did you get to see a dentist as soon as you wanted?



# Discussion...



#### Performance evaluation - sealants

Baseline Data Oregon	Recommended Benchmark Oregon	Improvement Target for incentive pay
Medicaid children receiving dental sealant in FFY 11 (EPSDT):	Healthy People 2020 Goal	"Minnesota Method" with floor of 3%
<ul><li>6-9 year olds: 15.4%</li><li>10-14 year olds: 12.7%</li></ul>	<ul><li>6-9 year olds: 28.1%</li><li>*13-15 year olds: 21.9%</li></ul>	



<sup>\*</sup> The workgroup agreed to use the HP2020 benchmark for 13-15 year olds for the 10-14 year old age group.

#### Rationale

- Sealants are a basic and evidence based dental prevention strategy.
- CMS National Oral Health Goal to increase the rate of sealants in the Medicaid/CHIP population.
- Oregon lags behind the national sealant rate and the Healthy People 2020 goal for sealants:



# Performance evaluation - Any dental service

Baseline Data Oregon	Recommended Benchmark Oregon	Improvement Target for incentive pay
Any dental service, ages 0-20 in FFY 11 (EPSDT):	Healthy People 2020 Goal:	Minnesota Method with floor of 3%
42.4%	49.0%	

➤Intention to expand monitoring by stratified subpopulations who receive CDT codes D0100-D9999:

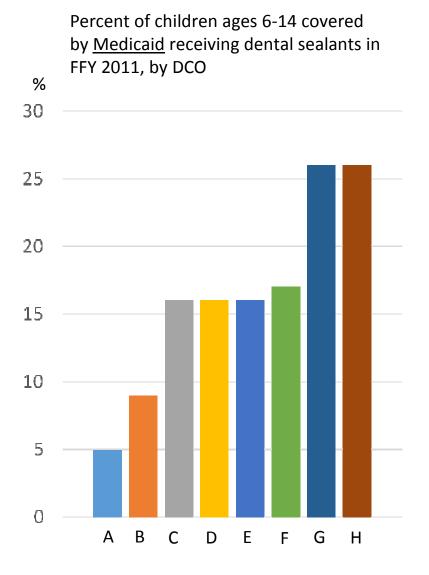
- Children
- ■Pregnant women
- Adults
- Persons with disabilities

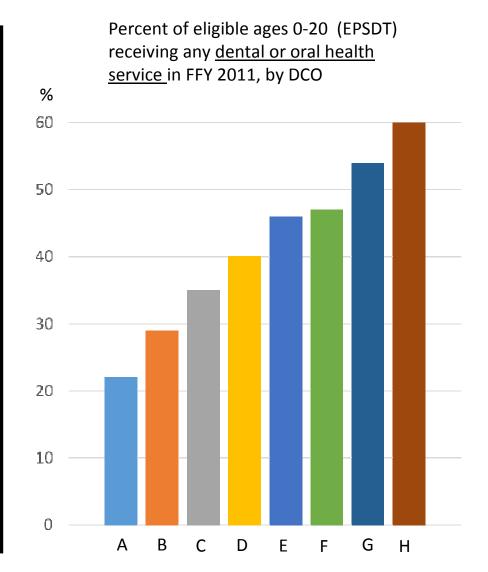


#### Rationale

- Any dental service is a measure of access to dental care.
- Establish access to address prevention, treatment, etc.
   Comparable to a primary care visit.
- Similar to the only HEDIS® dental measure (annual dental visit).
- Oregon lags behind the Healthy People 2020 goal for any dental service: 49.0%

#### State Baseline Data by DCO





# Metrics alignment by Focus Area

Recommended Dental Metrics	Quality Improvement Focus Areas
Sealants on permanent molars for children.	<ul> <li>Improving perinatal and maternity care.</li> <li>Improving primary care for all populations.</li> </ul>
Members receiving any dental service.	<ul> <li>Improving access to timely and effective care.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensuring appropriate care is delivered in appropriate settings.</li> </ul>
	Improving perinatal and maternity care.

### Additional Opportunities for Alignment

 Sealants are also provided in school-based health centers and through state schoolbased sealant program. Opportunity to coordinate care.

 Reduce avoidable emergency department use for dental problems.



#### Future perspectives I

- Final approval of dental metrics by Metrics and Scoring Committee (May 2014)
- Metric workgroup terminated (May 2014)
- CCOs to integrate dental care services with physical health and mental health (June 2014)
- Monitoring of CCO performance compared to benchmarks and improvement targets (from 2015)



#### Future perspectives II

- Workgroup on reconciling state and local sealant program performance
- •New workgroup on practical integration issues, possibly involving the OHA Transformation Center
- •CCO action if provider groups unable to achieve performance targets?
- Revisit metrics assessment when new information (DQA?)
   arises
- Consideration of health outcome measures when available

