



## Discussion Forum on Cost and Resource Use Part I: Understanding How Cost and Resource Use are Measured

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### Resources & Background Materials

This document lists materials and resources that provide general background information on measuring cost and resource use. Some of the material reflects presentations made as part of a series of Discussion Forums sponsored by the Consumer-Purchaser Disclosure Project to foster better understanding of critical issues for consumer, labor and employer organizations.

Note – Bolded documents are recommended if you have only time to review a few.

#### **Presentations – November 17<sup>th</sup> Discussion Forum**

##### [Total Cost of Care & Total Resource Use Overview](#)

Sue Knudson, Vice President, Health Informatics at HealthPartners, Inc.

##### [Episode-Based Cost and Resource Use Measurement](#)

Mark Rattray, MD, President at CareVariance, LLC.

##### [An Overview of NCQA's Relative Resource Use Measures](#)

Phyllis Torda, Vice President, Strategic and Quality Solutions Group at National Committee for Quality Assurance Relative Resource Use

#### **Cost / Resource Use Measurement**

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