



Discussion Forum on Cost and Resource Use

Part II: Utilizing Cost and Resource Use Measures in Payment and Public Reporting Programs

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It is a well-known fact that the growth of health care costs in the United States has outpaced inflation for decades. As of 2009, health care costs comprised 17.6% of national GDP, up 10.4% since 1970¹. Private purchasers have long been concerned with rising costs and have adopted myriad strategies to “bend the cost curve” – pay-for-performance, performance-based contracting, value-based insurance design, etc. The public sector has also enacted a variety of initiatives to promote value-based purchasing, especially since the passage of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. The National Quality Strategy identifies affordable care along with better care and better health as the three priority strategies for the federal government.

Measurement is fundamental to identifying opportunities for cost containment, directing dollars to high quality care, and monitoring progress. A plethora of measures exist, including population measures, episode measures, and relative resource use measures —some of which are endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and many others are not. With the increased pace of implementing delivery and payment reform initiatives in the public and private sectors, it is also important to have comparable measures that can assess impact on the entire marketplace .

This discussion forum was split into two parts. The first part focused on understanding how cost and resource use are measured. The goals of this discussion forum are to help leaders from the consumer, labor, and employer communities in Washington D.C. and around the country:

- Learn about how cost and resource use measures are being used in payment, public reporting, and improvement programs to drive better value in the private sector.
- Discuss successes and challenges and how to spread what works to other private and public sector programs.

The focus of Part II will be on how these measures are used in payment and public reporting programs. The focus in Part I of the Forum was on the different roles assorted types of measures play in measuring cost and resource use.

Agenda for Part II

- 2:00-2:10** **Review Agenda, Welcome and Introductions**
Debra L. Ness
President
National Partnership for Women & Families
- 2:10-2:20** **Measuring Cost and Resource Use: Issues for Consumers and Purchasers**
William Kramer, MBA
Executive Director National Health Policy
Pacific Business Group on Health
- 2:20-2:35** **Innovative Models for Accountable Care**
Paul Handel, MD
Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer
Health Care Service Corporation
- 2:40-2:55** **Leveraging Transparency to Improve Quality and Lower Cost**
Robert Greene, MD
Vice President of Clinical Analytics
United Health Care Clinical Services
- 3:00-3:15** **All-Payer Claims Databases: State Progress and Future of APCDs**
Denise Love
Executive Director
National Association of Health Data Organizations
- 3:20-3:35** **How Do Consumers Respond to Comparative Cost and Resource Use Information?**
Shoshanna Sofaer, Dr. P.H.
Professor and Chair of Health Care Policy
Baruch College/CUNY
- 3:40-4:00** **Discussion, Implications for Consumer and Purchaser Advocacy**

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ⁱ Kaiser Family Foundation, 2009. http://www.kff.org/insurance/upload/7692_02.pdf