VT Health Care Innovation Project
Quality and Performance Measures Work Group Meeting Agenda

February 23, 2015; 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Pavilion Building 4th Floor Conference Room, Montpelier, VT
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Item #	Time Frame	Topic	Relevant Attachments	Decision Needed?
1	9:00-9:05	Welcome and Introductions; Approval of Minutes	Attachment 1: December QPM Minutes	YES – Approval
2	9:05-9:15	Updates • Gate and Ladder for Year 2 ACO Payment Measures • QPM Work Plan ***Public Comment***		
3	9:15-9:30	Status of Year 1 ACO SSP Data Collection • Claims-Based Payment, Reporting, M&E Measures • Clinical Data-Based Reporting Measures • Patient Experience Survey ***Public Comment***		
4	9:30-10:00	Incorporation of ACO SSP Measures into Practice and Health Service Area Quality Profiles – *Craig Jones, MD, Director, Blueprint for Health; ACO Members of QPMWG* ***Public Comment***	Attachment 4: (will be sent when available)	
5	10:00-10:15	Year 3 ACO Shared Savings Program Measures ***Public Comment***		
6	10:15-10:45	Emerging Model: Episodes of Care – *Alicia Cooper, Health Care Project Director, DVHA* ***Public Comment***	Attachment 6: (will be sent when available)	
6	10:45-11:00	Wrap-Up and Next Steps ***Next Meeting: March 16, 2015; 9:00-11:00; DVHA Large Conference Room, 312 Hurricane Lane, Williston***		

Attachment 1

VT Health Care Innovation Project
Quality & Performance Measures Work Group Meeting Minutes
Pending Work Group Approval

Date of meeting: December 22, 2014, 10:00 am-12 pm, 4th Floor Conf. Room, Pavilion Building, Montpelier.

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1. Welcome and Introductions; Approval of Minutes	Cathy Fulton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Pat Jones took a roll call of attendees. The group reviewed minutes from November 24, 2014. Heather Skeels moved to approve the November minutes pending the addition of the last name for Kristina Choquette from VITL and the addition of the Payment Models Work Group's public comment deadline for the Gate and Ladder methodology (November 28, 2014). Vicki Loner seconded the motion pending the changes. If others would like to submit comments before the next Payment Models meeting they may do so, but the official comment period has closed. A roll call vote was taken. Jay Batra and Paul Harrington abstained; all others voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.	**The minutes will be updated and posted to the VHCIP website.**
2. Updates	1. VHCIP Work Group Participation Guidelines. Pat Jones noted the new attendance policy: the goal is to have organizations well represented while ensuring a quorum of members is present at each meeting to allow for voting under the Open Meeting Law. If a current member is not able to attend at least 50% of the meetings in a year and misses more than three meetings in a row they will be moved to "interested party" status. Organizations are welcome to also name a member alternate. An email summarizing this change will be distributed to the work group prior to the next meeting. Dr. Batra expressed disappointment that the recommendations on Year 2 ACO Shared Savings Program (SSP) measures from the QPM work group went to Core Team without being voted on by the Steering	**A formal email communication will be sent regarding this information.**

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	Committee, noting there was tremendous effort from the QPM Work Group, though not all the recommendations were adopted. 2. 2015 Work Plan: the VHCIP Project Management team is working with all the work groups to thoroughly analyze the work plans for 2015, and to ensure that opportunities for work groups to interact are identified early in the year. A new draft of the QPM work plan will be available for members' review in the coming months.	
3. Targets and Benchmarks for Year 2 ACO Payment Measures	Pat reviewed Attachments 3a and 3b to provide background information about the request for input from the Payment Models work group on targets and benchmarks for year 2 ACO SSP Payment Measures. Paul Harrington moved to approve the recommendations on pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 3b as a recommendation to the Payment Models work group. Joyce Gallimore seconded the motion. The group discussed the proposed system for awarding points for measures evaluated relative to change over time. It was noted that in order for each measure to have equal weight, a maximum of three points can be awarded for the measures evaluated relative to benchmarks and for the measures evaluated relative to change over time. When comparing performance against national HEDIS benchmarks: if an ACO was at the 75th percentile and drops to 50th percentile the ACO can still receive points for a decrease in performance; however, a decline in performance will result in fewer points. The Gate and Ladder methodology links earned points to the percentage of shared savings the ACOs will actually receive. Awarding only 2 points for being "statistically the same" could potentially disadvantage an already high-performing ACO. Some Work Group members suggested that maintaining high performance is a challenge and should be rewarded with 2 points. Pat reminded the group that most of the Payment measures selected were those where there were opportunities for improvement. A question was raised as to whether the targets, benchmarks, and gate and ladder methodology should provide incentives for high-performing ACOs to maintain performance. It was also noted that most of the Payment measures are evaluated relative to national HEDIS benchmarks. Measures evaluated relative to improvement over time include 1 of 9 payment measures for the Commercial SSP and 3 of 10 payment measures for the Medicaid SSP. If ACOs are performing well on measures evaluated relative to national HEDIS benchmarks, measures evaluated relative to change over time where performance remains constant will have less of an impact on the overall quality scores used in the gate and ladder methodology for determining shared	

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	savings distribution. The Medicare SSP compares ACOs' performance with the previous year, which limits opportunities for payment for ACOs that are consistently high-performing; the goal is to avoid this practice in Vermont's ACO SSP program. At this time we don't know if there are ACOs that will meet the gate, or if they will improve in year 2 if they haven't met the gate in Years 1 and 2. The discussion of "meaningful improvement" for the commercial SSP will occur when more information about Year 1 performance is available. The recommendation was to use the same point system that is being used in year 1; we may not want to change the system right now since we don't yet have information for year 1. A roll call vote was taken. Lila Richardson and Julia Shaw voted against the motion. LaRae Francis abstained. All other members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.	
6. Next Steps, Wrap up, and Future Meeting Schedule	**Next meeting:** January 16, 2015 9 -11 am, DVHA Large Conference Room, 312 Hurricane Lane, Williston.	