

# Quality Measurement & Reporting

## Overview for Practitioners



*Information for a Healthy Oregon*

*Partner for Quality Care: Information for a Healthy Oregon* is a collaborative initiative managed by the Oregon Health Care Quality Corp to bring together health plans, purchasers, the public, and primary care practitioners to develop a system to measure and improve health care quality in Oregon. The initiative embraces a three-pronged approach: measure the quality of health care; help practitioners use quality measurement information to improve systems of care; and educate the public about their role in contributing to quality health care. Public reporting at the clinic level will occur in February 2010 for clinics with four or more adult primary care practitioners.

### **Why is there a national and statewide movement toward quality measurement and reporting?**

- Many patients are not receiving the basic services they need, and the health system does not adequately reward preventive and primary care services.
- Primary care practitioners represent the front line of preventive health, but they need more support and data in order to evaluate and improve systems of care.
- Patients, purchasers, and health plans are demanding quality measurement information, but previous efforts at quality measurement and reporting have been fragmented, unreliable, and unhelpful.

### **Activities of the initiative**

- Measure the quality of health care on nationally endorsed measures using claims data aggregated from all major health plans;
- Provide quality measurement reports and direct assistance to primary care practitioners to improve systems of care;
- Use clinics' electronic medical record and registries data to report clinical outcome measures;
- Educate patients and the public about their role in contributing to high-quality care.

### **Benefits**

- A single, simplified quality measurement report on data aggregated from eight major health plans.
- Access to information that can't be obtained otherwise: patient-level detail and related claims on 11 nationally endorsed prevention and chronic care measures.
- Data that demonstrate the quality of care your system provides to patients.
- Ability to compare individual data to peer groups.
- Information that can help you identify opportunities for improvement in your systems.
- Reports and processes are HIPAA-compliant.

### **Questions? We want to hear from you**

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