

Population-based quality measures: Potentially preventable admissions, and home and community days

ISSUE: Medicare quality programs should include population-based measures such as outcomes, patient experience, and value measures. Medicare could use a small set of population-based measures to compare performance of Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, accountable care organizations (ACOs), and fee-for-service (FFS) in a market area.

KEY POINTS: At this meeting, we will review the Commission's set of principles for measuring quality in the Medicare program. We will then discuss analysis of two population-based measure concepts that align with the Commission's principles: potentially preventable admissions and home and community days.

ACTION: Commissioners should be prepared to discuss this material to inform the next analytic steps.