

## Potential Adult Dental Measures – Discussion Guide

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The Metrics & Scoring Committee asked the Workgroup to consider:

- The recommended age groups for the any dental service measure and come back with a focus on young adults (potentially age 21 – 30);
- Measures of dental care for pregnant women;
- Measures of dental care for people with mental illness.

### The Any Dental Services Measure

Existing specifications call for the total unduplicated number of individuals under the age of 21 enrolled in a Coordinated Care Organization who have been continuously enrolled for at least 90 days in the measurement year. (See attached specification sheet).

Options include:

- ➔ Recommend expanding the age range from 21 to 30;
- ➔ Recommend reporting on ages 0-21 and 21 – 30 separately;
- ➔ Other TBD.

## **Pregnant Women**

The Workgroup previously identified pregnant women as a priority population and recommended stratifying the Comprehensive Exam Rate measure by children, pregnant women, and by adults with disabilities. However, the Workgroup noted this measure does not take into account oral health services performed in other venues and recommended Any Dental Service instead.

Options include:

- ➔ Recommend stratifying Comprehensive Exam Rate for pregnant women.
- ➔ Recommend stratifying Any Dental Services for pregnant women.
- ➔ Recommend new dental measure for pregnant women (see below).

*Potential dental measures for pregnant women:*

- The Workgroup previously identified a need for a broader measure for pregnant women that goes beyond comprehensive exam to ensure proper development of treatment plan and that follow-up treatment is actually provided. Would need development work.
- Modify the existing Timeliness of Prenatal Care CCO incentive measure to break out those pregnant women who also received dental / oral health preventive services during the first trimester (or within 42 days of Medicaid enrollment).
- Oral Health Disparities Collaborative (ASTDD) – Oral Health Disparities Collaborative Pilot Program: Comprehensive Oral Exam and Treatment Plan measure (pregnant women with comprehensive dental exam completed while pregnant / pregnant women with completed Phase I dental treatment plan within 6 months of exam). No known data source.
- Other measures?

## People with Mental Illness

The Workgroup previously highlighted the need to track performance on all of the recommended metrics for a number of subpopulations, especially people with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI).

Options include:

- ➔ Recommend stratifying Comprehensive Exam Rate for people with SPMI.
- ➔ Recommend stratifying Any Dental Services for people with SPMI.
- ➔ Recommend new dental measure for people with SPMI (see below).

*Potential dental measures for people with SPMI:*

- Dental examination within the last year (proposed indicator from National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, 2008:  
<http://www.nasmhpd.org/docs/publications/MDCdocs/NASMHPD%20Medical%20Directors%20Health%20Indicators%20Report%202011-19-08.pdf>)

National Target and Indicator for Mental Health Reform – the COAG Expert Reference Group calls for: increasing the proportion of adults over 18 with a disclosed mental illness who are screened every 12 months for dental health issues by 40% in four years and 90% in ten years.

- Other measures?