

Implementation of the Standard Quality Measure Set
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SQAC Mission Statement

The SQAC advises all branches of state government regarding the alignment of health care performance metrics and the efficient collection and uniform reporting of the Standard Quality Measure Set in order to support improvement in the health status of the residents of the Commonwealth.

The Standard Quality Measure Set

The Standard Quality Measure Set (SQMS) serves as a foundation for the uniform quality reporting CHIA is required to develop for each hospital, home health agency (HHA), skilled nursing facility (SNF) and registered provider organization (RPO) in the Commonwealth (957 CMR 4.00).

The Executive Director of CHIA determines the measures to include in the SQMS based on an annual recommendation from the SQAC. In developing the SQMS recommendation, the SQAC “shall select from existing quality measures and shall not select quality measures that are still in development” (MGL Ch. 12C, Section 14).

Mandated uses of the SQMS

1. CHIA will publicly report hospital, HHA, SNF and RPO performance on the SQMS periodically (957 CMR 4.00).
2. Merged market carriers with 5000 or more enrollees must offer at least one selective or tiered plan; these plans include use of provider quality comparisons using measures in the SQMS. DOI will require uniform reporting of tiering information (M.G.L. c.176J s.11).
3. Patient Centered Medical Homes: The Health Policy Commission is directed by M.G.L. c.6D, s.14 to develop quality standards for patient centered medical homes with reference to the Standard Quality Measure Set.
4. Accountable Care Organizations: The Health Policy Commission is directed by M.G.L. c.6D, s.15 to improve the quality of health services provided through Accountable Care Organization certification, as measured by the Standard Quality Measure Set.

CHIA Implementation of the Standard Quality Measure Set

Purpose / Goal	CHIA Activity or Initiative	Target Dates	Next Step
Public Reporting and Health System Monitoring	Core Measure Set: - State of the State Report	FY15	Convene state agency working group
	Betsy Lehman Center (BLC) Reporting to Providers	FY15	Hire BLC Director Establish the BLC
	CHIA Public Reporting on Health Systems Performance	Spring 2014	Develop quality reporting agenda
	CHIA health information website	Spring 2014	Continue website development
Fulfill Mandated Uses	Uniform reporting on hospitals, HHAs, SNFs, RPOs	SNFs, HHAs and Hospitals Spring/Summer 2014	Publish Administrative Bulletins
		RPOs TBD	
	Tiered products in merged market		Collaborate with DOI
	Patient Centered Medical Home		HPC
	Accountable Care Organizations		HPC