

ICSI Basket of Care Measurement Responses

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Basket Topic:	Total Knee Replacement		

Responses:

General Comments:

Because of the short timeframe for submitting responses, especially given the Labor Day holiday, the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) will continue to submit responses we receive from our members after the Sept. 7 deadline.

To the extent that federal health reform legislation or rulemaking includes total knee replacement as a “bundle” of care, or within a readmissions payment policy, MHA encourages the state to revise this basket of care to mirror the scope and quality measures used nationally. Aligning this basket’s quality measures with those collected and reported to CMS will reduce the amount of different or conflicting information for providers and patients. In addition, by reducing the reporting and administrative burdens on providers, especially the burdens and costs associated with reporting different quality measures for the same episode of care to multiple organizations, the state will increase the time and resources providers are able to devote to patient care.

In particular, many expect CMS to use a 30-day post-acute-care window for bundles and readmissions policies. While we recognize that the suggested 90-day window might allow for a more complete episode of care assessment, MHA encourages the state to favor standardization between Minnesota’s baskets and CMS’s bundles, at least at the beginning of this experimental initiative.

1. Clinical Outcome Measures:

Hospital readmission or any re-operation (including outpatient surgery) for a complication related to the surgical site within 90 days of the procedure.

Comments:

2. Process Measures:

When clinical outcomes measures do not cover key components of the basket.

No measure recommended

Comments:

3. Education/Coaching/Counseling Measures: Documentation of education, coaching, counseling related to pertinent aspects of basket:

No measure recommended

Comments:

4. Functional Status Measures:

A measure of functional status administered pre-op and 90 days post procedure using the Oxford Knee Score. A post op 90 day score of ___ or a mean change of ___ between pre and post 90 days will determine a successful patient outcome.

Potential use of EQ-5D for a quality of life score.

Potential collection of co-morbidities as a risk adjustment methodology.

Comments: These proposals need to be further developed and defined before MHA can evaluate and analyze whether they are appropriate and sufficient to assess quality without establishing unrealistic expectations.

5. Patient Experience Measures: CG- CAHPS or H-CAHPS Survey

No measure recommended

Comments:

6. Economic Measures:

No measure recommended

Comments: