Policy Action Task Group
Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Task Group Charge
- Accomplishments
- Current projects
- Possible topics for annual meeting task group session
- Q&A
Task Group Co-Chairs
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Charge:

- The charge of this Task Group is to answer the day’s pressing policy questions around colorectal cancer screening.
Task Group Themes

- Address copay issue, including definition of screening continuum
- Determine how to increase CRC screening for Medicaid patients and other newly insured
- Promote solutions for paying for screening navigation
- Activate local governments around 80% by 2018
- Assist with case for financial benefit of screening
FY17 Project Plan (Nov. 2016)

- Commission “Deep Dive” into Medicaid CRC activity case studies
- Continue to advance copay issue
- Distribute tool on *How to Pay for Screening Navigation*
- Promote Concept Papers for cost modeling tools
FY17 Accomplishments

- Released How to Pay for Screening Navigation tool (in partnership with CHC Task Group)
- Commissioned development of a roadmap of cost decision points in CRC screening (CRC) care which will:
  - Help providers understand the nuances of patient cost sharing requirements for CRC screening according to current laws and regulations, including corresponding coding, and
  - Help patients understand the decision points in the screening process that may affect their costs.
## Cost Sharing Survey

### Invitation List

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FY17 Accomplishments

- Issued RFP to conduct Medicaid “Deep Dive” project.
  - The purpose is to develop a new resource to demonstrate the role that state Medicaid agencies can play in advancing CRC screening amongst the populations they serve
  - The Deep Dive will look at ten states that have been found to have extensive CRC control activity
- Hosted a strategic planning meeting to explore needs and development around a local jurisdiction cost modeling tool.
FY18 Projects

- Finish guidance to providers and patients on cost, law and coding.
- Create new resource to define actions states can take to facilitate screening amongst Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Continue to explore potential of developing a local jurisdiction cost modeling tool.
- Update and promote sustaining patient navigation toolkit.
- Develop curriculum on sustaining patient navigation, based on toolkit.
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Key Points of Discussion:

- #screening continuum
  - definition
  - cost-sharing; surprise bills; follow up colonoscopy; screening v. diagnostic
- #Medicaid
  - program coverage/promotion of CRC
- #NCQA
Key Points of Discussion:

- Medicaid Report discussion-no national standards; patchwork of coverage; state-by-state; limited/no quality measures
- Roundtable Members act to facilitate QNA’s conversations in states; key contacts; Kaiser/HMA, Vernon Smith
- Tumor Registry access?
- Quarterly calls in 2018
Gaps/needs:

- Simple clinical explanation for non-clinicians/policy makers on why polyp removal during screening is part of the screening and not a separate diagnostics
- FDA clearance of CRC screening tests-low sensitivity stool tests
Opportunities/FY19 NCCRT projects (by priority):

- Medicare Loophole
- Pursue NCQA requirement to have all state Medicaid agencies track CRC screening
  - Goal would be to establish a HEDIS measure for state Medicaid agencies
  - 10 year look-back problem (Oregon example)
  - Possible letter? Fact Sheet for Members?
- White paper on the copay/cost maze?
  - Let’s see where Dr. Brill’s project leads—survey
  - Something for patients? Shared decision-making?
  - Role of Insurance Commissioners
- FDA Approval of stool tests (2019?)
- NEW (based on Sausage making breakout): One-pager or volumetric pie chart on CRC screening/treatment spending
Immediate Next Steps:

- Quarterly calls in 2018
- Dr. Brill – still need help with organizations to participate in survey (recirculate list of sign on orgs. to date and criteria that we are looking for in recruiting additional orgs.)
- Supporting QNA’s research
- Volunteers for Advisory Groups & emails/calls in 2018
Parking lot issues:
Advisory Groups/Volunteers:

- **Project Name: NCQA**
  - Names: Stoney, Gloria, Lynda, Samir, Citseko

- **Project Name: Medicare Loophole**
  - Names: Caroline, Molly, Michelle, Justin (NYC), Citseko

- **Project Name: Screening Continuum cost-sharing maze (whitepaper & patient/provider education resources)**
  - Names: (Wait and see on Dr. Brill’s project)

- **Project Name: CRC Screening/Treatment Costs one-pager**
  - Names: Suja, Florence, Whitney, Citseko, Caleb, ???