

Policy Action Task Group





Agenda

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



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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

American College of Gastroenterology	American Association of Family Physicians
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	Olympus
American Gastroenterology Association	AMSURG
Polymedco	American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
Quest Diagnostics	American College of Physicians
LabCorp	American Osteopathic Association
Exact Sciences	American Medical Association
American College of Radiology	American Hospital Association
Bracco Diagnostics	Ambulatory Surgery Center Association --
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network	American Clinical Laboratory Association
Fight Colorectal Cancer	Hygieacare
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Motus GI
	Medtronic

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, ???