Use of Medicare Information to Improve Health Care Delivery

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Agenda

- Use of Medicare Data to Improve Health Care Delivery
- CMS Initiatives to Make Medicare Information Available
- Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data
- For More Information...
Improving the Delivery of Health Care with Medicare Data

- Transparency of quality and price information to foster more informed decision-making
  - Providers: support quality assessment and improvement efforts
  - Consumers: support decision-making about plans, providers, and treatments
  - Purchasers: support alignment of incentives for high value health care
Different Consumer Choices

- Health Plans
- Providers
- Treatments
Compare Websites

- Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Compare Hospitals in Your Area
- Find a Medicare Publication
- Find a Doctor
- Compare Home Health Agencies in Your Area
- Find Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites
- Compare Health Plans and Medigap Policies in Your Area
- Compare Nursing Homes in Your Area
- Find Out if You Are Eligible for Medicare and When You Can Enroll
- Find Out What Medicare Covers
- Find Suppliers of Medical Equipment in Your Area
- Compare Dialysis Facilities in Your Area
High Consumer Interest

• Compare Website Page Views – September 2008
  • Hospital – 1.2 million
  • Nursing Home – 1.4 million
  • Home Health – 419,000
  • Dialysis Facilities – 111,000
  • Physician Directory – 1.9 million
  • Medicare Operations Compare – 1.6 million
  • Health and Drug Plan Finder – 3 million
Hospital Compare

- Clinical Process Measures
- Safety
- Mortality rates for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia
- Patient Experience of Care
- Reimbursement Rates
- Volume
- Searchable by hospital name, zip code, city, county or state
Provider Reimbursement Information

• **Common and Elective Procedures**
  • Hospital Inpatient - included on Hospital Compare
  • Outpatient
  • Physician Office
  • Ambulatory Surgery Center

• **Available at**
  [www.cms.hhs.gov/healthcareconinit](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/healthcareconinit)

• **Episodes of Care**
Plan Finder Websites

- Medicare Advantage Private Health Plans
- Prescription Drug Plans
- Quality, Cost, and Coverage information designed to help beneficiaries select the plan that best meets their needs
- Available at www.medicare.gov
# Plan Finder Tool

- **Plan Name and ID Numbers**
  - Actua Medicare Rx - Costco Plus Plan [S5810-143]
  - AdvantraRx Premier Plus [S5670-042]

- **Company Name (Co-brand)**
  - Actua Medicare (Costco)
  - AdvantraRx (American Continental Insurance Company; Automobile Club of Missouri; Bankers Life and Casualty Company)

- **Coverage in the Gap**
  - Some Generics
  - Many Generics

- **Monthly Drug Premium ▲**
  - $53.20
  - $53.60

- **Annual Deductible**
  - $0
  - $0

- **Drug Cost Sharing**
  - $0 - $90 33%
  - $4 - $75 33%

- **Summary Rating of Prescription Drug Plan Quality**
  - Coming Soon
  - Coming Soon

- **Enroll Now**
  - Enrollment begins November 15, 2008
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Physician Quality and Price Information

- CMS Initiatives
  - Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
  - Better Quality Information for Medicare Beneficiaries Project (BQI)
  - Generating Medicare Performance Results Project (GEM) and Chartered Value Exchanges

- Challenges with physician specific information

- Measuring Physician Resource Use – Confidential Feedback
Continuing Efforts

- Updating and Expanding Quality and Price Transparency Initiatives
- Balancing legal requirements to protect beneficiary and individual physician information with need for more information on quality and efficiency
- Part D Data Regulation
- Chronic Conditions Warehouse
Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

• Four Key Laws
  - Social Security Act – Authorizes release of data for limited set of purposes
  - HIPPA – Protects patient identifiable health information
  - Privacy Act of 1974 – Protects individually identifiable information (patients and physicians)
  - FISMA – Security requirements for use and release of individually identifiable information
Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

• Use and Release only for limited statutorily authorized purposes
  – Payment-Related
  – Research
  – Demonstration
  – Quality Improvement Organization
  – Payment and Care Coordination for Duals Population
  – Patient Consent
For more information...

- www.medicare.gov
- www.cms.hhs.gov
- www.hhs.gov/valuedriven
- www.resdac.umn.edu
Thank you