

Core Measure Collaborative Finalizes Primary Care Core Set

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The AAFP recognizes the administrative burden associated with measurement and measure reporting and is committed to advocating for measure consolidation and harmonization across public and private payers. Over the last 18 months, the AAFP has participated in a Core Measure Collaborative (Collaborative) convened by America's Health Insurance Plans. The overarching purpose of the Collaborative is to utilize a multi-stakeholder process to define core measure sets that promote alignment and harmonization of measures with payers in both public and private sectors. Participants in the Collaborative have included Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Quality Forum, private payers, provider organizations, and patient and consumer groups.

Since inception, the Primary Care core set has evolved through thoughtful deliberation and compromise from all stakeholders including physicians, consumers, purchasers, and payers. Collaboration with other organizations like the American College of Physicians has been an important part of shaping the core set to reflect the most evidence-based measures for AAFP members.

The Primary Care core set, which includes 21 measures, was finalized by the Collaborative participants and has been approved by the board chair. CMS has indicated that the core set could potentially be included in 2016 rulemaking. Private payers are committed to including the Core Set in contracts as they are renewed, but this roll out process could vary amongst payers.

A public announcement of the Core Set took place on February 16. The AAFP has provided links to the [measures and frequently asked questions](#) on AAFP.org. This is ongoing work, and as measures and evidence evolves, the Core Set will be updated to reflect these changes.

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