

Medicare's Physician Performance Reporting Agenda: Understanding Next Steps and Shaping the Future Course

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Resources & Background Material

Starting in July 2007, Medicare – the largest payer in the US – will be rewarding physicians for submitting a standard set of performance measures. This marks a significant step forward in the transparency movement, but it is also only a first step. Unlike other industries, reporting on performance is relatively new in health care and the embryonic state of physician measurement is an obstacle to using it to reward physician performance or inform decision-making by consumers and purchasers. Understanding how performance measurement can be shaped in the future to collect data as efficiently and comprehensively as possible and the opportunities to promote this are key to speeding up the availability of relevant information on physician performance.

This document lists materials and resources that provide general background on the issues as well as highlighting the multiple perspectives held by a variety of stakeholders. The presentations are copyrighted; if you would like to use information from them please contact the presenter.

Note: Bolded documents were provided to in-person participants.

Presentations – February 28th Discussion Forum

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 Administrator and Tom Valuck, MD, Director, Special Program Office of Value-Based Purchasing at
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