

Date: July 18, 2025

To: Hospital Chief Financial Officers and Case Mix Liaisons

From: Claudine Williams, Principal Deputy Director, HDMI

Subject: **FY 2025 Q4 Data Forum Follow-up**

Thanks to all who participated in the FY 2025 Q4 Data Forum held on June 13, 2025. Below is a summary of what was discussed and next steps.

## Announcements

### Quality Update

Staff presented updates on quality-related data initiatives and reviewed the following:

- **PPC Updates and Feedback** – New login and submission procedures for PPC documentation via Solventum Web Portal and HIS support site.
- **RY 2026 Quality Program Timelines** – Updates for MHAC, RRIP, and QBR for CY 2025 and RY 2027.
- **Grouper Transition** – APR/PPC Grouper updated to Version 42 for RY 2027 with revised base and performance periods.
- **HSCRC Digital Measures Reporting Requirements** – Clarification of eCQM submission timelines, expedited bonus eligibility, and compliance requirements.
- **Digital Hybrid Measure Reporting** – Core Clinical Data Elements (CCDE) for hospital-wide mortality and readmission measures (2024–2025 and 2025–2026).

### SOGI and SDOH Update

Staff provided updates on the SOGI implementation timeline and training schedule and SDOH Z-Code Analysis

- **SOGI Data Collection** – Mandatory for discharges beginning July 1, 2025 (FY26 Q2); optional from October 1, 2024.
- Recommended collection frequency: every 6–12 months with patient ability to update at any time.
- Federal policy changes do not affect HSCRC's commitment to SOGI data collection; data remain confidential and excluded from public files.

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- **SDOH Z-Code Analysis** – Trends in Z55–Z65 reporting between 2022–2024, including setting-level and hospital-level variation, and detailed breakdown of housing/economic-related codes (e.g., Z59.0 Homelessness).

### **QBR: ED Length of Stay (LOS) Updates**

- EDDIE submissions discontinued after June 2025; measure transitioned to case mix data collection.
- Final CY2024 results expected July/August 2025; CY2025 YTD results released June 3, 2025.
- Ongoing review of exclusions and risk-adjusted methodology.

### **CDS-A Reports**

Staff reminded participants that the CDS-A Report is available on the CRISP Portal (refer to slides 32-33). This report allows hospitals to review growth in the cost of outpatient infusion and chemotherapy drug utilization for outlier dosage units based on 3rd Monthly case mix data in CRISP. The expectation is that hospitals will use this information to correct errors prior to submission of Quarterly case mix data. **Please be aware, hospitals will be subject to fines if any material error is found in a hospital's CDS-A audit.**

### **Data Forum Survey**

Staff reminded participants to complete the survey in Survey Monkey. The link was sent on **Wednesday, June 18th**. Please use this opportunity to provide the HSCRC staff feedback on the data forums.

### **FY 2025-2026 DSR Updates**

- Payer Group Name Change – AMERIGROUP COMMUNITY CARE updated to WELLPOINT effective April 1, 2025.
- Key Changes Effective July 1, 2025:
  - RSV vaccination reporting (including monoclonal antibody administration)
  - SOGI data collection requirements
  - National Drug Code (NDC) reporting for payable drugs
  - Newborn weight coding updates
  - ED arrival date/time logic and restrictions

### **FY 2026 Data Processing & Submission Update**

hMetrix discussed the upcoming changes in submission and data processing.

- All financial and supplemental data submissions to be handled via DAVE starting August 2025.
- New standardized file naming conventions for supplemental data submissions.
- Updated submission process using self-validating Excel templates; revised revision submission procedures for FSA and FSB data.

- Enhancements to Rate Center Trend Monitoring reports; financial reconciliation form availability via DAVE; reminders for EHR survey updates and user management.

## Case Mix Review Update

Brenda Watson from Advanta Governmental Services discussed:

- Clarification of “Point of Origin” definitions, examples, and coding.
- ED encounter reporting rules for multiple visits in one day, inpatient admissions, and outpatient diagnoses.
- Outpatient “first-listed diagnosis” coding guidelines and examples.

## Upcoming Workgroups

Staff announced information for these workgroups:

- Payment Models Workgroup – Focus on balanced updates, guardrails, market share, and new model designs.
- Performance Measurement Workgroup – Review of measurement methodologies; includes ED LOS measure subgroup.
- Total Cost of Care Workgroup – Technical feedback on methodologies for care transformation and cost management.
- Technical Workgroup for Insurance Denials – Development of standardized template and timeline for patient-level denial data submissions by FY 2027.

## Next Meeting

The next Quarterly Data Forum Meeting is scheduled for **September 12, 2025**. If you have agenda items, please send them to Curtis or myself by **August 22, 2025**. For questions regarding the topics above, contact Curtis Willis at: [Curtis.Wills@maryland.gov](mailto:Curtis.Wills@maryland.gov).