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Agenda
HSCRC Initiation Work Group
July 11, 2005
8:30 am to 10 am
HSCRC, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes from first meeting
3. Presentation of Consultant's Report – "Designing a Methodology for Recognizing Quality at Maryland Hospitals" – Dr. Vahé Kazandjian with discussion of design recommendations and issues.
4. Initiation Work Group's Operational Design for the HSCRC's Quality Initiative
 - a. Discuss and achieve a consensus on key concepts and components of the Steering Committee and consultant's recommendations, with modifications if indicated:
 - 1.) Given that there is considerable comfort in assessing quality, and that it is believed that improved quality will result in reduced healthcare costs, it is feasible and desirable for HSCRC to commence with a quality-based reimbursement initiative as soon as reasonably possible.
 - 2.) The Mission, Vision and Goals of the HSCRC Quality Initiative, as established by the Steering Committee, are appropriate.
 - 3.) Given that the Commission retains the authority to determine the amount, duration and mechanism for any rewards and incentives, the concept of dividing the rewards and incentives into three streams- for rewards to hospitals that perform above a set threshold for a given year, incentives for hospitals that demonstrate the most improvement and infrastructure support for efficient organizations that lack resources- is appropriate.
 - 4.) Consultant's Recommendation 3: Prioritization of Measurement of Focus areas is appropriate.
 - 5.) The plan to conduct one to two pilot project(s) testing a few measures at a few hospitals, including a test of data collection and reporting, and scoring and weighting methodology, is appropriate.
 - 6.) Consultant's Recommendation 4: Implementation Phases is appropriate.
 - 7.) Consultant's Recommendation 8: Comparisons Using Baseline References is appropriate.
5. Other business
6. Schedule next meeting
7. Adjournment