



MEETING MATERIALS – ATTACHMENT 1

DATE: October 2, 2017
TO: Performance Measures Coordinating Committee (PMCC)
FROM: Susie Dade, Deputy Director, Washington Health Alliance
RE: Clarification of Age Ranges for Substance Use Disorder Service Penetration Measure

The purpose of this note is to clarify the age ranges used for the Substance Use Disorder Service Penetration Measure. No action by the PMCC is required at this time.

When this measure was approved for the Common Measure Set in January 2016, the measure was approved with results reporting for two age ranges: ages **6-17** and ages 18 and older. The age ranges for this measure should be: ages **12-17** and ages 18 and older.

David Mancuso with the Department of Social and Health Services (the steward for this measure) has clarified that the age range for the “Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Penetration” measure has been changed to 12 and above. Using a minimum age of 12 is consistent with other standards of measurement related to substance use disorders. For example, SAMHSA’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health – the most widely used national data source for the measurement of SUD prevalence – only collects data for persons aged 12 and above.