

# Performance Measures Coordinating Committee Council Meeting

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Friday, December 15, 2023  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Washington State  
Health Care Authority

# Housekeeping

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- ▶ No formal break, so feel free to step out briefly if needed.
- ▶ For committee members:
  - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted when not speaking.
- ▶ For members of the public:
  - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted at all times.
  - ▶ There will be dedicated time for questions and comments.
  - ▶ Please use the chat box to submit your question/comment and it will be addressed in the order received.

# Public Process

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- ▶ Maintaining a transparent process is important.
- ▶ Public comment opportunities:
  - ▶ PMCC meetings are open to the public.
  - ▶ There is time on the agenda for public comment prior to action on measures.
  - ▶ Meeting materials are posted on the Health Care Authority website\*
  - ▶ Comments can be submitted to HCA anytime at [hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov)

\*<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/washington-state-common-measure-set>

# Today's Objectives

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- ▶ Briefly recap October meeting
- ▶ Review public comment survey for addition of HIV Viral Suppression measure to the WSCMS
- ▶ Committee final vote
- ▶ Briefly discuss administrative requirements for PMCC in 2024
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Wrap Up

# Welcome & Introductions

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- ▶ Please share the following
  - ▶ Your Name
  - ▶ Your Role
  - ▶ Your organization
- ▶ Welcome to our newest member:
  - ▶ Kim Emery, PA-C, Director of Clinical Services, Columbia County Health System

# Recap of the October PMCC Meeting

Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD, HCA

# Recap of the October 2023 PMCC Meeting

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- ▶ Reviewed NCQA changes to existing measures in the WSCMS
- ▶ The committee voted to adopt the following changes:
  - ▶ Remove from WSCMS due to NCQA retirement
    - ▶ Ambulatory Care and Inpatient Utilization (AMB)
    - ▶ Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD (SPR)
    - ▶ Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults (PNU)
  - ▶ Updated the following measures due to changes in HEDIS specifications:
    - ▶ Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes (HBD) updated to Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients With Diabetes (GSD)
    - ▶ Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)
    - ▶ Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes (KED)
    - ▶ Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) – moving to ECDS reporting only
  - ▶ Added Adult Immunization Status (AIS-E) to replace immunization measures previously collected through CAHPS

# Recap of the October 2023 PMCC Meeting

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- ▶ The Committee heard proposed recommendations from the 2023 PMCC Evaluation Workgroup
  - ▶ Convene listening sessions
  - ▶ Revisit the categories in the WSCMS
  - ▶ Select a few areas/measures to focus on
  - ▶ Consider reconvening the health equity ad hoc workgroup
- ▶ Learned about HIV prevention efforts in Washington State and discussed a request to add HIV Viral Load Suppression measure to the WSCMS
- ▶ Committee voted for the preliminary addition of the HIV measure to the WSCMS, pending public comment



# HIV Viral Load Suppression Measure

Laura Pennington, HCA

# HIV Viral Suppression Measure

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- ▶ Originally considered as part of the original 2014 WSCMS
- ▶ Again, presented for consideration in 2016 at the recommendation of GSK/DOH
- ▶ The PMCC agreed it was important but put it in the parking lot due to insufficient data
- ▶ Is on the current CMS Adult Core Measure Set
- ▶ The committee was reminded that this topic has been discussed in the past but it was put into the parking lot due to a lack of a robust data source.
- ▶ Through participation in the NASTAD Learning Collaborative Washington is now able capture the data and it is currently being reported to CMS as part of the annual Core Measure Set reporting for Medicaid clients.
- ▶ We are now able to collect and report this measure

# Public comment survey

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- ▶ Survey was open from November 8 to December 1.
- ▶ There were replies from 3 people, who indicated they represented the following:
  - ▶ Consumer
  - ▶ Health Professional
  - ▶ Public Health Agency
- ▶ All 3 indicated their support for adding to the WSCMS

# Public comment survey, cont.

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## Additional comments

- ▶ We need to have good tools in order to fight HIV/AIDS. This measure is essential in helping us to have all the tools we need.
- ▶ I have spent my nursing career at FQHC's and work closely with patients with HIV and those who are at risk. This measure would encourage organizations to put more effort into engaging these patients and providing resources and care management.
- ▶ This type of financial incentive will increase the level of priority.

# Discussion

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## ▶ Things to consider

- ▶ Data source:
  - Department of Health
- ▶ Impact:
  - Lower immune systems could lead to other high-cost conditions, such as cancer, heart disease, etc.
  - Potential cost savings due to suppressed HIV
    - ➔ *"Patients with HIV not receiving ART incurred the highest spending related to infections, mental health disorders, and other medical conditions compared with patients in other HIV subgroups receiving ART."\**
  - Are already seeing a lower suppression rate in younger people
- ▶ HIV status can not be reversed but can be controlled
- ▶ Is it feasible to add as a reportable measure by health plans?
- ▶ Should we add the measure as a population health measure only?
  - Pros
    - ➔ Highlights the importance of the issue
  - Cons
    - ➔ Doesn't qualify as a VBP measure for state contracts
    - ➔ Only includes Medicaid population

\*Health Aff (Millwood). 2022 April ; 41(4): 581–588. doi:10.1377/hlthaff.2021.01793.

# HIV Viral Suppression Measure (HVL-AD)

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## ▶ Measure Steward:

- ▶ Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
- ▶ [National Quality Forum](#) #: 2082 / 3210e

## ▶ Description:

- ▶ Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of HIV with a HIV viral load less than 200 copies/ml at last viral load test during the measurement year

## ▶ Numerator:

- ▶ Number of patients in the denominator with a HIV viral load less than 200 copies/ml at last HIV viral load test during the measurement year

## ▶ Denominator:

- ▶ Number of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of HIV with at least one medical visit in the measurement year

For more information go to: <https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/grants/performance-measure-portfolio/core-measures/hiv-viral-load-suppression>

# Decision/Vote

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- ▶ Does the committee agree that we should add the HIV Viral Suppression Measure (HVL-AD) to the Washington State Common Measure set?
- ▶ First, any comments or questions from the public?
- ▶ Committee vote

# Administrative requirements for PMCC in 2024

Heleena Hufnagel, HCA



# Requirements for 2024

- ▶ Public meetings need to have an in-person option
  - ▶ Would you prefer to attend virtually or in person?
  - ▶ Is there a preference for location?
- ▶ Required training for participants of public meeting
  - ▶ HCA will send a link to the training by January

# Public Comment

Sharon Eloranta, MD

# Public Comment

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- ▶ Please enter your question or comment into the chat box.
- ▶ If you prefer to speak, enter your name into the chat box and unmute yourself when called upon.
- ▶ If speaking, please limit your comments to 2 minutes.

# Wrap Up and Next Steps

Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD

# Wrap Up/Next steps

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- ▶ Action Items

- ▶ Next Meeting:

  - ▶ January/February 2024

  - ▶ Proposed agenda topics:

    - ▶ Restructure of WSCMS

    - ▶ Opportunities to address health equity

    - ▶ Send additional topics to Laura P.