

Measuring Health Care Progress in Washington

WHAT IS IT?

The Washington State Common Measure Set for Health Care Quality and Cost are health care performance measures chosen so Washington can track important elements of health and see how well the health care system is performing.

Washington State is committed to ensuring our health care system is built on value. The Common Measure Set will help us measure our progress toward that goal. For a detailed understanding of results, visit www.wacommunitycheckup.org.

MEASURE CATEGORIES



ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

Whether children and adults are visiting a primary care doctor.



PREVENTION

Whether patients are getting recommended health screenings and immunizations.



HOSPITAL CARE

Whether hospitals are doing what they can to promote patient safety and the best outcomes for patients.



CHRONIC CARE

Whether patients with chronic conditions are getting recommended care from their doctor.



AVOIDING OVERUSE

Avoiding care that is potentially inappropriate, or prone to overuse.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Assessing care for mental health and substance use disorder conditions.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

There is a lot of variation in health. That is a sign that many people aren't receiving the care they should, while others are receiving care that won't help them. Using a common set of measures across the state to measure performance can help give us a clear understanding of where improvements are needed.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

All the stakeholders in health care have a role to play in using the Common Measure Set.

Purchasers:

Use the measure set as a tool for value-based purchasing, rewarding providers for better outcomes rather than just volume.*

Health plans:

Use the measure set to align efforts and to hold providers accountable.

Providers:

Use the measure set as a focused way to understand where you can target health care quality improvement efforts for your organization.

**Washington State has already committed to using the Common Measure Set in its health care contracting and expects other purchasers will follow its lead.*

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