

# 2018 PGIP Fact Sheet

## Clinical Quality Initiative

### Overview

The Blue Cross Clinical Quality Initiative aims to improve the quality of health care delivered by physicians. To do so, Blue Cross rewards Physician Organizations that help physicians adopt and implement population-wide evidence-based medical guidelines into their daily practice. The CLQI uses selected Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set® (HEDIS), Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid STARS measures to compare the performance and improvement of PGIP physician organizations.

The 2018 Clinical Quality Initiative includes performance measurement on Medicare Advantage (MA) and Blue Cross commercial members.

### Goals and objectives

To improve performance on the 10 MA and 15 commercial clinical quality measures listed below.

Clinical Measures	Commercial	MA
Adult BMI Assessment	✓	✓
Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis	✓	
Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection	✓	
Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	✓	
Breast Cancer Screening	✓	✓
Cervical Cancer Screening	✓	
Colorectal Cancer Screening	✓	✓
Controlling High Blood Pressure	✓	✓
Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Control <8.0%	✓	
Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Control <9.0%		✓
Diabetes Care: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	✓	✓
Diabetes Care: Retinal Eye Exam	✓	✓
Proportion of Days Covered (Statins)	✓	✓
Proportion of Days Covered (Diabetes All Class)	✓	✓
Proportion of Days Covered (RAS Antagonist)	✓	✓
Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	✓	
Number of Measures	15	10

### Incentive design

Physician Organizations are rewarded for performance and improvement on the clinical quality measures listed above. Performance and improvement scores are calculated for each PO and for each measure using a five-point scale. In 2018, CLQI will continue using an absolute scoring model where commercial performance will be assessed against National Committee for Quality Assurance national benchmarks and thresholds and MA performance will be assessed against Centers for Medicare & Medicaid STARS

thresholds. Improvement is assessed relatively. Scores are then combined to create both a composite performance and improvement score using a five-point scale.

### **Participation criteria**

All PGIP Physician Organizations are automatically enrolled in the Clinical Quality Initiative.

### **Evaluation**

Evaluation of the Clinical Quality Initiative occurs annually and assesses each PO's overall performance in specific HEDIS, PQA, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid STARS measures. Evaluation includes PO participation and feedback, and is intended to provide insight into the effectiveness of the incentive model.

### **Results**

The year-to-date (claims time period: 1/1/2017-9/30/2017) rates for the 2017 CLQI measures are 77.7 percent for the commercial population and 80.0 percent for the MA population.

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### **About Value Partnerships**

**Over a decade of innovation**, Value Partnerships is a collection of clinically-oriented initiatives among Michigan physicians, hospitals, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan that are improving clinical quality, reducing health complications, controlling cost trends, eliminating errors, and improving healthcare outcomes throughout Michigan.

### **About PGIP**

PGIP, a BCBSM **Value Partnerships** program, encourages, and rewards practitioners to more effectively manage patient populations and build an infrastructure to more robustly measure and monitor care quality. Over **40** Physician Organizations across the state of Michigan - representing nearly **20,000 primary care physicians and specialists** - are working together in PGIP to improve the delivery of healthcare for Michigan Blues members.

PGIP is cultivating a healthier future for all Michigan residents by catalyzing an all-payer system. Patients throughout the state, regardless of payer, benefit from improved care processes developed in the PGIP provider community.

### **For additional information about PGIP:**

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