MHSPHP Metrics Forum

Mental Health Follow-up
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Overview

• Mental Health Follow-up
  – Methodology
  – FAQ highlights
  – Metric challenges
Mental Health Follow-up

Follow-Up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness: within 30 Days of Discharge

Follow-Up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness: within 7 Days of Discharge
Benchmarks for Jan 2015 data

- Jan data metrics will be posted in March
- HEDIS benchmarks are not releasable outside DoD
- Follow-up in 30 days
  - 90th percentile benchmark decreased: -3.16%
  - 75th percentile benchmark increased: -3.65%
- Follow-up in 7 days
  - 90th percentile benchmark decreased: -3.9%
  - 75th percentile benchmark decreased: -5.21%
Mental Health Follow-up

- Percent of TRICARE Prime enrolled patients who received follow-up within 7 days of mental health primary diagnosis discharge.

- Percent of TRICARE Prime enrolled patients who received follow-up within 30 days of Mental Health Primary diagnosis discharge.
Primary Diagnoses Included

- Schizophrenia (295.x)
- Episodic Mood Disorders (296.x)
- Delusional Disorders (297.x)
- Psychoses (298.x)
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders (299.x)
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorders (300.3)
- Dysthymic Disorders (300.4)
- Personality Disorders (301.x)
- Acute Reaction to Stress (308.x)
- Adjustment Reaction (309.x)
- Depressive Disorder NEC (311)
- Disturbance of Conduct (312.x)
- Disturbance of emotions specific to childhood and adolescence (313.x)
- Hyperkinetic syndrome of childhood (314.x)
• Over age 6
• Excludes patients with another admission of any type within 30 days of discharge date
• Looks at discharges in first 11 months of the 12 month period ending on “current as of date”
FAQ: What are the enrollment criteria for the patients attributed to my MTF’s HEDIS® metric?

• The enrolled DMIS location for the month of the discharge is where the patient impacts the metric.

• If the patient PCSs or separates, they remain in the metric until their discharge no longer occurred in the first 11 months of the last year. In other words, these patients will remain in the metric reports for almost a year.

• Patients only need to be enrolled for the admission month and the month after the admission to be included in the metric. There are no long term continuous enrollment criteria for this metric.
FAQ: Which provider visits count?

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- Visits must be with specialist, not PCM to count
FAQ: Where is the action list?

• Most mental health admissions are in civilian hospitals
• Claims take 30 days or longer to process
• Patient needs follow-up prior to 30 days
• Action list from claims data is not possible: need a local solution
• Best source is live admissions data direct from hospitals or managed care support contractor
  – Each region has different processes to notify MTF of admissions
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MH Metric Comparison
Challenges

• What type of population served?
  – Active duty only
  – AD, dependents, retirees, VA

• Where are the discharges from?
  – Purchased Care
  – MTF

• Where is the follow-up going to be?
  – Network Care
  – MTF

• Learn from MTFs with similar populations
What type of Population served?

Active Duty only
- Many DMIS locations have only active duty enrollees
- These locations should be doing well on metrics due to civilian facilities must contact MTF when admitting
- MTF in more control of processes involved

Mixed Enrollee Beneficiaries
- How does MTF get notified of purchased care
- Where will follow-up care be since many MTFs only provide outpatient mental health service to active duty
- We do not receive VA patient inpatient or outpatient encounter data—so if patient seen in VA, no encounter captured
Where are the discharges from?

MTF

• MTF knows when the pt is being discharged
• Might not be your MTF (DMIS)
• MTFs who admit for these diagnoses must make sure pts have follow-up within 7 days scheduled before discharge

Purchased Care

• Communication with Managed Care Support Contractor and mental health facilities key to success
• Admitting facilities know must notify MTF for Active duty admissions
• Non-active duty can self refer to mental health so PCM may not be in loop, but facility must contact TRICARE to coordinate coverage
• Managed Care support contractor has admission and discharge info: must improve communication
Where is Follow-up Care for patient?

MTF
- If you provide Mental health care to that category of patient, then MTF needs to ensure pts are scheduled within 7 days of discharge
- Continuity is very important, so ensure follow-up is at location where patient will receive ongoing care

Purchased Care
- Do not bring patients in to MTF for one follow-up just to meet a metric
- If in purchased care, it should be arranged prior to discharge
- Suggestion: contact pt within 24 hours of discharge to ensure follow-up appt is within 7 days with their desired provider
Potential Metric Data issue

• HEDIS technical specifications list different criteria for identifying mental health follow-up visit
  – By mental health provider with specific E&M or CPT codes in particular settings OR
  – By “revenue code” for mental health facility outpt visits

• Revenue codes are not in the claims data
  – Revenue codes are translated into prov specialty, place of service, CPT codes in the claims data
  – DHA is researching if the translation meets HEDIS criteria and seeking to fund change to data to include revenue codes
  – Impact is: potentially some follow-up visits at mental health facilities are missing in the data
Questions ?