

ADVANCED PRIMARY CARE



Advanced Primary Care: Measurement Pilot

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The Purchaser Business Group on Health's (PBGH) California Quality Collaborative (CQC) has defined a shared standard of Advanced Primary Care (APC). Developed through a multi-stakeholder process that included input from purchasers, health plans, providers and patients, CQC's shared standard, defined from the patient's perspective, includes two components:

- **Attributes:** Articulate the highest order care processes that reflect high-value and high-quality primary care. The attributes allow flexibility for practices to design care tailored to their patients' needs. These attributes were selected with the understanding that many other foundational elements and processes are in place to achieve such a standard.
- **Measures:** A narrow set of measures reflecting the patient's outcomes and experience of care. Performance across the suite of measures will allow purchasers and patients to identify practices delivering APC and provide a path for development of alternate payment models. Selected measures can be used by any payer type and are aligned across performance and measurement reporting and payment programs within California and nationally.

Measurement Pilot

In order to recognize high-quality primary care, purchasers are seeking to transition from a process-orientated approach, such as demonstrating a completed checklist of activities, to one recognizing the outcomes and experience of care patients receive. The results of the pilot, which will utilize data submitted in 2022, will inform future contracting requirements to increase APC practices within health plan networks. Participating purchasers are the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Covered California, eBay, and San Francisco Health and Human Services Agency.

The pilot will leverage existing statewide data infrastructure (Integrated Healthcare Association's Align.Measure.Perform programming) to assess practice-level performance across the suite of APC measures. Applying a quality threshold approach will enable identification of individual practices delivering advanced primary care and the concentration of those practices within each health plan's network. Pilot results will be shared with purchasers and health plans once analysis is complete in 2023.

Practice-Level Assessment

The APC measurement pilot will leverage existing data infrastructure within the State to assess practice-level performance. To achieve this goal, claims and supplemental data currently submitted to IHA for health plan and provider organization assessment will be leveraged to identify and attribute performance to individual primary care practices. The pilot will utilize a practice attribution model developed with input from subject matter experts, health plans, delivery organizations and purchasers. The attribution model includes two stages, the first attributing individual members to their associated primary care clinician; second, attributing clinician data to their practice.

Finally, given the more granular level of assessment, i.e. primary care practices, the pilot will aggregate data across purchasers and health plans to increase visibility to a larger proportion of any individual practice's panel. This approach will provide more meaningful results to all parties and address issues related to small denominators that may impact practice-level assessment.

High Level Pilot Timeline (year over year)

