Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) Program

Summary of 2022 Changes

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing



Our Mission

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.

HQIP 2022 Changes

- The following measures have changes
- Zero Suicide
- Reduction of Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Sepsis
- Handoffs and Signouts

Zero Suicide

- Criteria Modification: Hospitals must address additional elements in Levels III and IV
- Level III Identify, Treat, Engage
 - -Engagement for Health Equity
 - a. The hospital solicits input on suicide-related policies and procedures from people in the communities they serve who are affected by health inequities, including but not limited to people who are Black, indigenous, people of color, LGBTQ+, veterans, people who experience chronic mental health and substance use disorders, and people with disabilities, and holds itself accountable to that feedback.
 - b. Deliverable: The hospital must submit an annual report that documents outreach efforts, input from community members, and the specific actions that were taken by staff as a result of that information.
- Level IV Transition and Improve
 - -Data collection and tracking
 - a. Deliverable: The hospital must collect and track data on screening, referral, and access to care among populations most affected by health inequities, including but not limited to people who are Black, indigenous, people of color, LGBTQ+, veterans, and people with disabilities.
- Scoring Modification: In order to be eligible for points, hospitals must complete all elements of Levels I and II

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Patient Safety Bundle

In 2022 this measure transitions from focusing on peripartum racial and ethnic disparities to hospital-wide racial and ethnic disparities.

All hospitals are to report on the measure for hospital-wide processes, while Labor and Delivery hospitals are also to report on Peripartum Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Sepsis and Handoffs and Sepsis Signouts

• Scoring Modification: Hospitals earn points for reporting the measure and additional points for any improvement hospitals can document on self-reported process or outcome measures.

Handoffs and Signouts

• Scoring Modification: Hospitals can earn Level 4 points by reporting measurement results from the previous year.

