ACO Shared Savings Program: Adolescent Health Measures

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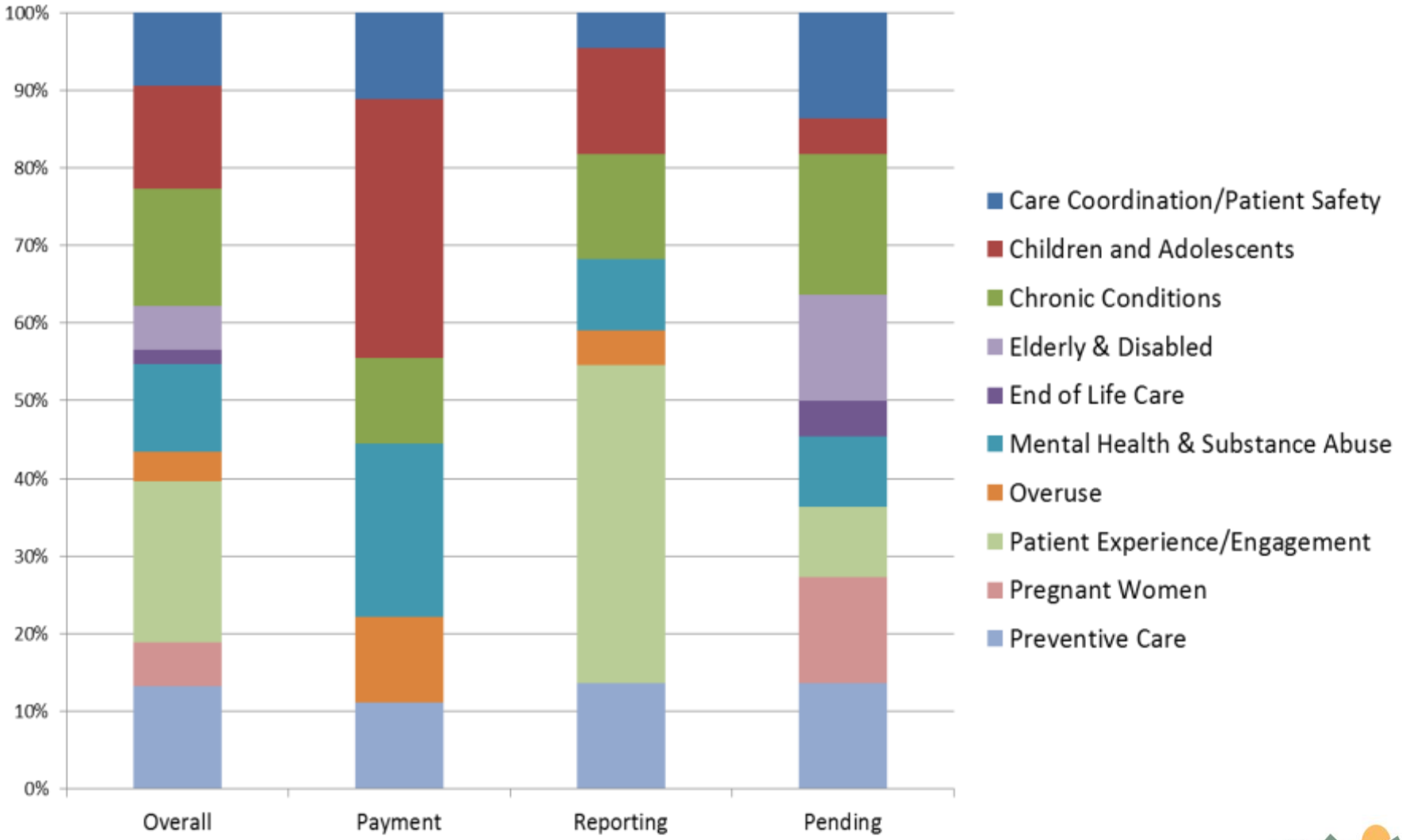
Overview

- Beginning in 2014, there will be several Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Shared Savings Programs (SSP) in operation in Vermont
- In order to be eligible to receive shared savings, an ACO must demonstrate that their attributed patient population is receiving quality care
- ACOs will be evaluated on measures spanning a variety of domains and populations
  - Measures selected by multi-stakeholder Quality & Performance Measures Work Group

ACO Measure Domains



Measure Use Terminology

Payment

- Performance on these measures will be considered when calculating shared savings.

Reporting

- ACOs will be required to report on these measures. Performance on these measures will be not be considered when calculating shared savings; ACO submission of the clinical data-based reporting measures will be considered when calculating shared savings.

Adolescent (13-18) Health ACO Measures

Measure	Applicable Age Range
Adolescent Well Care Visits	12 - 21
Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and other Drug Dependence Treatment	13+
Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness	6+
Chlamydia Screening in Women	16 - 24
Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis	2 - 18
Pediatric Weight Assessment & Counseling	3 - 17
Clinical Depression Screening & Follow-up	12+

Adolescent Well Care Visits

- The percentage of attributed individuals 12–21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.

Payment

Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and other Drug Dependence Treatment

- The percentage of discharges for attributed individuals 6 years of age and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental illness diagnoses and who had an outpatient visit, an intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner within 7 days of discharge.

Payment

Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness

- The percentage of adolescent and adult attributed individuals with a new episode of alcohol or other drug (AOD) dependence who received the following:
  - *Initiation of AOD Treatment* - The percentage of attributed individuals who initiate treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization within 14 days of the diagnosis
  - *Engagement of AOD Treatment* - The percentage of attributed individuals who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional services with a diagnosis of AOD within 30 days of the initiation visit

Payment

Chlamydia Screening in Women

- The percentage of women 16–24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.

Payment

Appropriate Testing* for Children with Pharyngitis

- The percentage of children 2–18 years of age who were diagnosed with pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode.

**A higher rate represents better performance (i.e., appropriate testing).*

Reporting

Pediatric Weight Assessment & Counseling

- The percentage of attributed individuals 3–17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN and who had evidence of the following during the measurement year.
  - BMI percentile documentation*
  - Counseling for nutrition
  - Counseling for physical activity.

**Because BMI norms for youth vary with age and gender, this measure evaluates whether BMI percentile is assessed rather than an absolute BMI value.*

Reporting

Clinical Depression Screening & Follow-up

- Percentage of patients aged 12 years and older screened for clinical depression during the measurement period using an age appropriate standardized depression screening tool AND if positive, a follow-up plan is documented on the date of the positive screen.

Reporting

Impact on Providers

Measure	Type	Data Source
Adolescent Well Care Visits	Payment	Claims
Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and other Drug Dependence Treatment	Payment	Claims
Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness	Payment	Claims
Chlamydia Screening in Women	Payment	Claims
Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis	Reporting	Claims
Pediatric Weight Assessment & Counseling	Reporting	Clinical
Clinical Depression Screening & Follow-up	Reporting	Clinical

- Minimal impact on providers for claims-based measures
- Clinical measures will require a focus on capturing data in records/EMR

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