

Collection of the CHIPRA Measures

Electronic Extraction and Submission of the Data

One of the key components of Pennsylvania's CHIPRA grant is electronic extraction and reporting of the CMS Core Pediatric Quality Set. DPW, in conjunction with its grant partners, developed a standardized flat file layout that could be applied to each of the CMS pediatric quality measures. The flat file layout collects measure specific and demographic data. This allows Pennsylvania to report on not only the quality measures but to analyze potential disparities and access to care issues.

Grantee health systems collect the electronic quality data directly from their EHRs on Medicaid and CHIP populations. Data is sent to DPW in its flat file layout via DPW's secure FTP (file transfer protocol) site. Secure transmission of the data follows all prescribed privacy, confidentiality and HIPPA requirements.

Calculating the Rates

Once the data is received by DPW, continuous enrollment rules are applied per the measure directions and rates are calculated. It is important to note CHIPRA rates are practice level rates and they should not be compared to plan wide evaluations such as HEDIS®. Data from the CHIPRA grantees will be analyzed as a practice-based study. Grantee health systems will utilize the data collection as part of their quality improvement processes.

Reporting the Rates

For year three of the grant (Feb 2012-Feb 2013), rates will be reported as one aggregate number for Medical Assistance consumers and one aggregate number for CHIP consumers for each quality measure. Distinction among health systems will not be made until the fourth and fifth years of the grant.