



DATE: August 13, 2008

TO: Area Directors

FROM: Director, Office of Public Health Support
Director, Office of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Reporting Quality Transparency Measure Data to Support Presidential Executive Order 13410—For Your Information

ISSUE

To ensure compliance with the Presidential Executive Order (EO) 13410 dated August 28, 2006, *Promoting Quality and Efficient Health Care in Federal Government Administered or Sponsored Health Care Programs*, all Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities will be required to report the data in Attachment A and export to their respective Area Office through the new IHS *Executive Order Quality Transparency Measures Report*. This report will be released in mid-August through the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) Clinical Reporting System (CRS), Version 8.0, Patch 2. ***Reporting by Tribally operated facilities using RPMS is strictly voluntary but encouraged due to the Executive Order.*** Please redistribute this memorandum to all IHS-direct and Tribal Facility Directors in your respective Areas.

DISCUSSION

The IHS is included in EO 13410 as a Federal health care program along with the Department of Defense (DOD) TRICARE program, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, and the Medicare program. The EO requires each agency to comply with specific directives on Transparency of Quality Measurements. To that end, the IHS, VA, and DOD have identified a set of clinical performance measures to be reported by at least two of the three agencies and made available to their patients through the Internet. In addition, each performance measure has been synchronized to the extent possible within the three agencies given the differences of the patient populations served.

The IHS performance measures contained in the RPMS CRS *Executive Order Quality Transparency Measures Report* are different and independent of the measures reported annually for the Government Performance and Results Act (see Attachment A).

IHS-direct facilities are required to report the data and export to their respective Area Office where it will be aggregated and exported to a new Web interface, then loaded and reported on the new Quality of Care Web page on the IHS Internet site. Facility, Area, and national level IHS performance measures will be reported on this site. No patient-level or provider-level information will be reported. The new Website is expected to be operational by September 30, 2008 and will be accessible by anyone having Internet access. The website address will be provided when it becomes available.

Thank you in advance to all IHS facilities and Area Offices for complying with this reporting requirement. Again, we encourage Tribes to consider reporting for this initiative and thank you for participating. Please direct all questions to Mr. Francis Frazier, Senior Program Management Officer, IHS, at <mailto:Francis.Frazier@ihs.gov> or at (301) 443-4700.

Attachment

Cc: Area GPRA Coordinators
Area Information Systems Coordinators
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Area Executive Officers
Chief Medical Officers

Indian Health Service
2008 and 2009 Performance Measures
Executive Order Quality Transparency Measures Report

During 2008, the IHS will collect data on the following thirteen performance measures, including six sub-measures that will not initially be reported on the Quality of Care IHS Website:

Performance Measure	Reported on Quality of Care Web Site?
Diabetes – Poor Glycemic Control (A1c > 9)	Y
Diabetes – Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (Value Less than 100 mg/dl)	Y
Diabetes – Blood Pressure (Value Less than 140/90)	Y
Immunizations – Flu Shot - Received, Refused, or Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 50-64)	Y
Immunizations – Flu Shot – Refused (Ages 50-64)	N
Immunizations – Flu Shot - Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 50-64)	N
Appropriate Medication for Asthma	Y
Pneumonia (with Oxygen Assessment)	Y
Pneumonia (refused Oxygen Assessment)	N
Pneumonia (without Oxygen Assessment)	N
Ischemic Stroke with Atrial Fibrillation (with Anticoagulant Therapy)	Y
Ischemic Stroke with Atrial Fibrillation (refused Anticoagulant Therapy)	N
Ischemic Stroke with Atrial Fibrillation (without Anticoagulant Therapy)	N

During 2009 IHS will collect data on the above measures and the measures listed below. Some of these measures may be the same as the measures reported for GPRA, such as the Influenza 65+ and Pneumovax 65+. These new measures will be added to the CRS Executive Order Quality Transparency Report with CRS Version 9.1 and data will be exported in mid-July 2009.

Performance Measure	Reported on Quality of Care Web Site?
Immunizations – Flu Shot - Received, Refused, or Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 65+)	Y
Immunizations – Flu Shot – Refused (Ages 65+)	N
Immunizations – Flu Shot - Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 65+)	N
Hypertension Patients Ages 18-85 with Controlled Blood Pressure (Value Less than 140/90)	Y
Immunizations – Pneumovax - Received, Refused, or Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 65+)	Y
Immunizations – Pneumovax - Refused (Ages 65+)	N
Immunizations – Pneumovax - Medical Reason for Not Receiving (Ages 65+)	N
Cholesterol Management in Patients 18-75 with Cardiovascular Conditions (Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol Less than 100)	Y
Beta Blocker Treatment after a Heart Attack (Ages 18+)	Y