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Measures of Success

Health and Development on Track, Beginning at Birth
• Healthy Birthweight
• Early Intervention
• Social-Emotional Health
• Physical Health

Supported and Supportive Families and Communities
• Positive Parent-Child Interactions
• Reading with Children
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National Crisis

- 66-82% of U.S. children are not reading proficiently when they finish third grade; these children are at significant risk to drop out of school

Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2013 report, A Research Update on Grade Level Reading

Leila Fiester, senior consultant to the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Local Statistics

- Over half (52%) of our kindergarten students do not have the language skills necessary to begin learning to read.

- Over half (51%) of our beginning fourth graders are not reading at grade level.

So, if we do not do more for babies and young children to prepare them for kindergarten, they will struggle throughout elementary school and will be at-risk for poor outcomes.
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Nurse-Family Partnership in NC
Nurse Family Partnership

- Prenatal and infancy home visiting by nurses
- Focused on low-income mothers with no previous live births
- Clarity in goals, objectives, and methods
- Activates and supports parents’ instincts to protect their children
- Strengths-based
Nurse Family Partnership’s Three Goals

1. Improve pregnancy outcomes
2. Improve child health and development
3. Improve parents’ health and economic self-sufficiency
Trials of Program

**Elmira, NY 1977**
- Low-income whites
- Semi-rural
- N = 400

**Memphis, TN 1987**
- Low-income blacks
- Urban
- N = 1,138 and N = 743

**Denver, CO 1994**
- Large portion of Latino families
- Nurse versus paraprofessional visitors
- N = 735

Elmira, NY 1977

Memphis, TN 1987

Denver, CO 1994
Consistent Results Across Trials

- Prenatal health
- Children’s injuries
- Children’s language and school readiness (low resource mothers)
- Children’s behavioral problems
- Children’s depression/anxiety
- Children’s substance use
- Maternal Impairment due to substance use
- Short inter-birth intervals
- Maternal employment
- Welfare & food stamp use
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CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program and the Massachusetts Child Health Quality Coalition (CHQC)

- February 2010-May 2015
- 3 Components: PCMH, child-focused quality measure reporting, CHQC
- Child Health Quality Coalition
  - Multi-stakeholder group: clinicians, payers, state and local government agencies, family advocacy groups, and individual parents and families
  - Identified priorities for child health quality improvement
  - Developed resources to help practices and families improve care coordination
  - Advised Massachusetts on other initiatives, including engaging families in mental health programs, designing alternative payment arrangements, and improving the Office of Disability’s transition-planning checklists for children with disabilities
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ACO Quality Measures: Goals and Objectives

- ACOs will be accountable for providing high-value, cross-continuum care, across a range of measures that improves member experience, quality, and outcomes.
- Quality metrics will ensure savings are not at the expense of quality care.
- ACOs cannot earn savings unless they meet minimum quality thresholds.
- MassHealth will *regularly evaluate measures* and determine whether measures should be added, modified, removed, or transitioned from pay-for-reporting to pay-for-performance, and *will engage stakeholders as appropriate.*
Quality Measurement Development

- **Variation and opportunity for improvement** (e.g., provider level variation, disparities)
- **Reliability, validity**
  - Drawn from *nationally accepted standards* of measures, where applicable, balanced by the unique needs of the Medicaid population
  - With broad impact
- **Alignment** with other payers and CMS, where applicable
- **Parsimony** and **feasibility** of data collection and measurement
  - Minimization of administrative burden
  - Consideration of "home grown measures" in order to advance policy goals around **integration of BH, LTSS, medical, and social services**
  - Pay for Reporting vs. Pay for Performance
  - Population size and statistical validity
  - Consider cross-cutting measures (adult and pediatric or multiple subpopulations)
- **Monitoring of under/overutilization**
ACO Quality Measure Domains

ACO quality measures will cover seven domains:

1. Prevention and Wellness
2. Chronic Disease Management
3. Mental Health / Substance Use Disorder
4. Long-Term Services and Supports
5. Avoidable Utilization
6. Progress Towards Integration
7. Member Care Experience
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