

COMPAREMAINE PRIORITIES

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COMPAREMAINE 2.0

SCHEDULED RELEASE SECOND QUARTER 2016

1. **Create individualized data worksheets for facility review** that include the breakdown of total cost for all procedures either strictly by facility and professional component (some of the professional charges associated with the lead facility may end up in the professional column) or group costs by all costs associated with the lead facility and cost associated with other providers. Allow facilities one month to review data and provide feedback.
2. **Update cost data** by 6 months for procedures currently listed on the site to June 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.
3. **Update quality data** for current measures (SIR, HCAHPS, Serious Complications)
 - a. Use the HAI language to describe the SIR.
 - b. Add Patient Experience Data when available for facilities that collect data that are harmonious with the measures reported on CompareMaine
4. **Enhance procedure search functionality** by adding search terms and making search parameters more flexible
5. **Add additional procedures**
 - a. Colonoscopy
 - b. Digital mammograms
 - c. High volume labs
6. **Decide on inclusion of procedure volume.** If measure is to be included, choose from one of the following (in order of preference):
 - a. Display a range, such as 1-100, 101-200, etc.
 - b. Display "Low", "Medium", "High"
 - c. Provide the number of claims used for analysis (excludes public payers, those 65 and older, and incomplete or negative claims)
7. **Display professional and facility payments** for procedures involving multiple codes and providers (like surgeries) in one of the following ways:

- a. Display median total cost, median professional cost, and median facility cost in three different columns. (Due to how medians are calculated, the median professional and facility costs may not add up to the median total cost)
- b. Display the total median cost, with the percent and amount of the median facility cost (typically attributed to the lead facility) as a hover text
- c. Display the total median cost, with the percent and amount of the median facility cost (typically attributed to the lead facility) in a column
- d. Display the total median cost, with the percent and amount of the median facility cost (typically attributed to the lead facility) and various affiliated services (like anesthesia, PT, imaging) in columns
- e. Display the total median cost, with the percent and amount of all costs associated with the lead facility (facility and professional costs)

COMPAREMAINE 3.0

SCHEDULED RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 2016

1. **Evaluate the inclusion of Medicare and Medicaid data** on the cost website
2. **Analyze additional top procedures** (by volume and cost) in current CompareMaine categories, including surgical, to determine what procedures and types of providers we can add for September release
3. **Analyze additional facilities for inclusion**
 - a. Analyze the types of procedures and volume of claims reported in our database for facilities that have requested to be added to the site (for example, Restorative Health & Maine Family Planning)
4. **Analyze volume (top ten procedure codes) and number of individual versus organizational practitioners of chiropractic and acupuncture**
5. **Review feedback** from survey responses and contact forms to determine what additional procedures individuals are interested in
6. **Decide whether or not to include ED codes**

ADDITIONAL CMS CYCLE IV GRANT DELIVERABLES

OTHER HEATH COST AND QUALITY WEBSITE ACTIVITIES

1. Increase the number procedures displayed
 - a. Explore adding a dental procedure category and affiliated procedures
 - b. Explore adding and enhancing pricing information for pharmacy data (previous activities focused on researching and linking to external data sources)
2. Increase the number of non-hospital facilities displayed
3. Define clinical data to collect (such as laboratory results) and explore integration options
4. Enhance the consumer website experience on computers, tablets, and mobile devices
5. Enhance the procedure search function (possibilities include searching for facilities by a clickable county map and searching for procedures by clicking on relevant areas of the human body)

6. Enhance data display (possibilities include displaying color-coded price variation on a county map; reporting cost using symbols or words rather than numbers)

HEALTH DATA TRANSPARENCY AND DISSEMINATION

1. Work with stakeholders to develop an online data request system to collect information required for data release and streamline the release process
2. Research and make recommendations on the best researcher and consumer payment model options that promote access and sustainability (subscription model)
3. Research and make recommendations on options for self-service access to data

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Ongoing communication with affected facilities and Health Insurance Companies
2. Develop an annual review and release schedule and share with affected facilities and Health Insurance Companies
3. Develop roadmap & deliverables for consumer advisory subgroup
4. Analyze of percentage of total payments reported on CompareMaine vs the total in the commercial medical claims database