Agenda II: Roadmap Review

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AB 1204 Legislative Intent

- Recognizes disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and need for further data on access, quality, and outcomes of care.
- Data could be used to analyze these disparities by age, sex, race, ethnicity, language, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, payor, and socioeconomic status.
- Data would contribute to well-informed health policy and public health response and would improve the overall health of individuals and communities in the state.



Hospital Statutory **Requirements: Annual Equity Reports** -**Administrative** Aspects

- All hospitals that meet the definition of "Hospital" under 127371(d) are subject to the Medical Equity Disclosure Act.
- Posted on the hospital website including the words "Equity Report"
- First reports due September 30, 2025*
- Hospital systems, with more than one hospital, must submit an equity report that is disaggregated at the individual hospital level and aggregated across all hospitals in the system.

*Note: Due dates are set per statute as the CMS Health Equity Measures were finalized in August 2022.



Hospital Statutory Requirements: Annual Equity Reports – Health Equity Plan

- Plan to achieve disparity reduction for disparities identified in the data.
- Includes measurable objectives and specific timeframes in which disparities identified need to be addressed.[^]
- Addresses the 10 widest disparities in health care quality for vulnerable populations[^] in terms of access, or outcomes and performance across all the 6 priority areas.

^ as recommended by the Advisory Committee



Statutory Requirements: Advisory Committee

MEASURES DEVELOPMENT

 Make recommendations on the appropriate measures that hospitals are required to report in their annual equity reports. (Due December 31, 2022*)

*Note: Due dates are set per statute as the CMS Health Equity Measures were finalized in August 2022.



Statutory Requirements: Advisory Committee

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HEALTH EQUITY PLANS

- Advise in identifying the 10 widest disparities in health care quality for vulnerable populations, in terms of access or outcome and priority performance areas
- Provide recommendations on the measurable objectives and specific timeframes in which disparities for vulnerable populations identified in the data need to be addressed.
- After first year reporting make a second set of recommendations regarding the submitted hospitals' health equity plans. (Due September 30, 2027*)



Statutory Requirements: HCAI

- Convene and staff advisory committee
- Build out regulations that establish a reporting schedule and format for collection of reports including the measures that will need to be applied to the reports
- Establish a system to collect and annually post reports on the HCAI website
- Annually post a report that identifies hospitals that did not submit equity reports
- Provide technical assistance to hospitals in applying the measures as specified in the regulations



Hospital Equity Measures 2022 Roadmap

July 2022

Establishment of the Advisory Committee (AC).

Discussed role of AC and overview of the reporting program.

Discussed quality measurement at hospitals and health equity resources.

August 2022

Overview of federal and national health equity measures and standards including CMS Final Rule

Analysis of association of quality measures with disparities

Discussion of principles and criteria for measures selection

September 2022

Discussion of health equity terms and associated definitions

Review of hospital quality measures for consideration and the measures selection criteria.

October 2022

Discussion of health equity structural measures for inclusion.

Continued discussion and preliminary vote on hospital quality measures

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November 2022

Review and vote on health equity structural measures

Recap of the voted-on hospital quality measures

Discussion and vote on remainder of hospital quality measures.

December 2022

Discuss approach for hospitals and N/A measures.

Review of Recommendations – to be published by December 31, 2022* per statute

Hospital Equity Measures 2023 Roadmap

February 2023

Recap of 2022 meetings

Discussion on identification of disparities in the data and approaches for reduction

Data stratification discussion

Topics of interest from the Committee

April 2023 Recap of February 2023 meeting Discussion on report formats

Discussion of measures evaluation

process

Topics of interest from the Committee

August 2023

Recap of April 2023 meeting.

Regulations Workshopping - data collection, submission, and reporting.

Topics of interest from the Committee

October 2023

Recap of August 2023 meeting

Discussion on technical assistance to hospitals

Preview plan for 2024

Topics of interest from the Committee

December 2023 (if needed)

Recap of 2023 activities Review and confirm plan for 2024 *Topics of interest from the Committee*

January to December 2024

Establish regulations to specify reporting requirements

Outreach to hospitals to prepare for first annual submission

Continue meeting with Health Care Equity Measures Advisory Committee

Hospital Equity Measures 2024 to 2027 Roadmap

January - December 2024

Establish regulations to specify reporting requirements

Develop data collection system

Outreach to hospitals to prepare for first annual submission

Continue meeting with the AC

January – October 2025

Provide technical assistance to hospitals in the development of first annual hospital equity reports

Submission of first equity reports by hospitals due September 30, 2025*

Continue meeting with the AC

November 2025 - December 2026

Review of first year data sets with the AC

January – December 2027

By September 30, 2027,* AC to develop and recommend second set of recommendations regarding the submitted hospitals' health equity plans.

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Scope of the Committee

- Make recommendations to the HCAI Director on the appropriate measures that hospitals are required to report in their annual equity reports.
- Provide recommendations to the HCAI Director on the measurable objectives and specific timeframes in which disparities for vulnerable populations identified in the data need to be addressed.
- Advise HCAI Director in identifying the 10 widest disparities in health care quality for vulnerable populations, in terms of access or outcome and priority performance areas.
- After first year reporting make a second set of recommendations to the HCAI Director regarding the submitted hospitals' health equity plans. (Due September 30, 2027*)

