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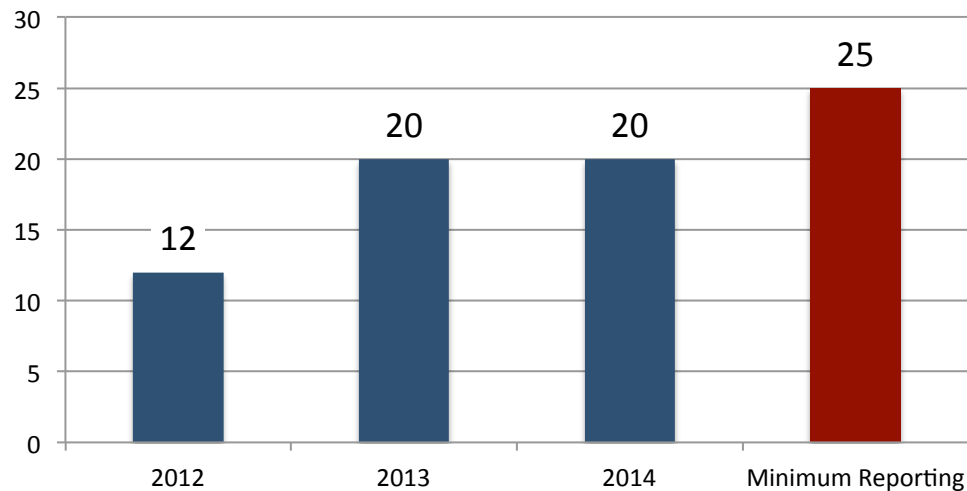
Using Medicaid Quality Requirements to Improve Developmental Screenings

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The Child Core Set Developmental Screening Measure

One of top action steps identified by last year's meeting to improve developmental screenings

Reporting on Child Core Set
Developmental Screening Measure



Challenges/Barriers in Reporting Child Core Set Developmental Screening Measure

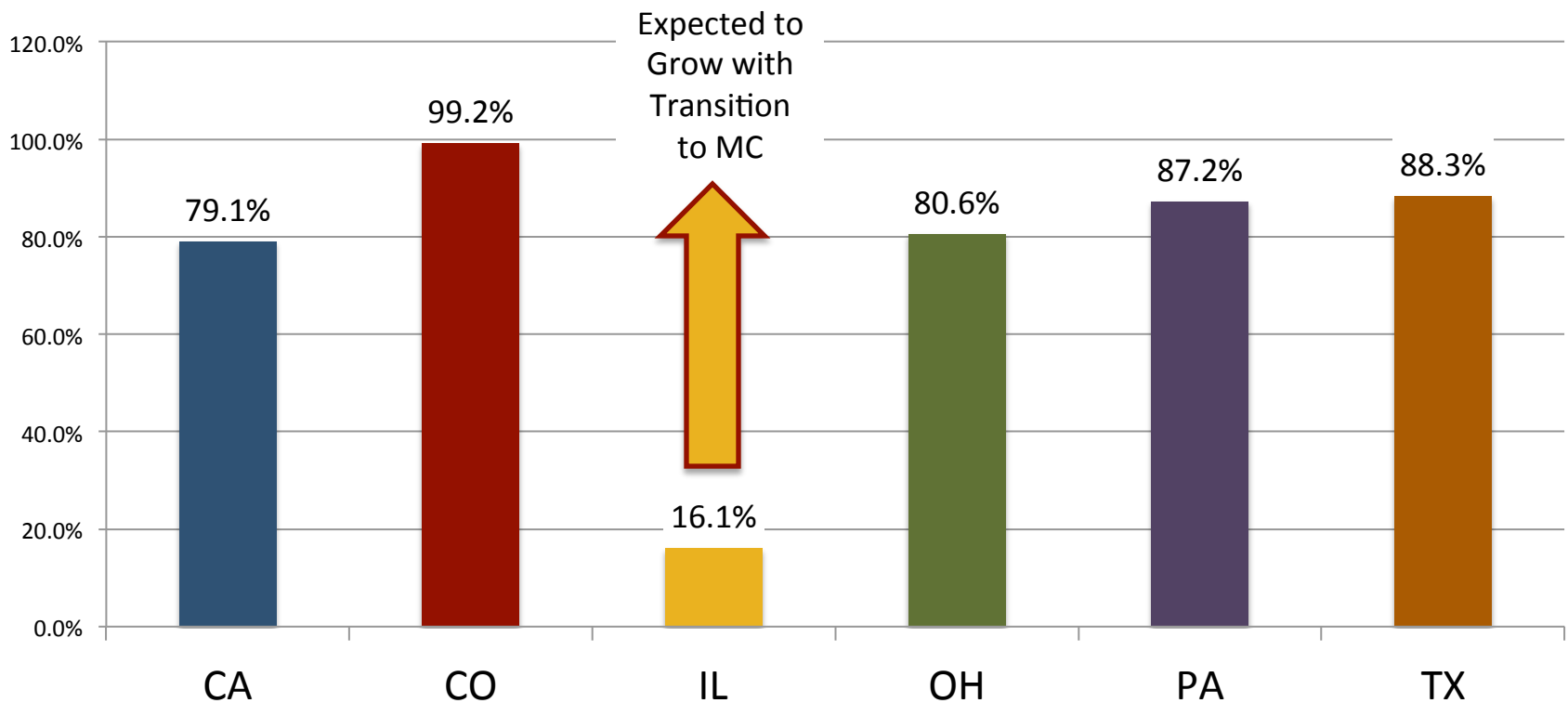


Managed Care Regulations

What hooks are there in the new Medicaid managed care rules to potentially improve developmental screenings?



Share of Medicaid Enrollees 0-3 Years Served by Managed Care in CHD Cohort States



Plan Level Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program

- Part of current regulatory language
- Adds “comprehensive” to describe quality assessment and performance improvement
- Adds new LTSS requirements
- Elements include:
 - Must be in contracts
 - State specifies measures
 - Requires collection (new) and submission of performance measures
 - Requires PIPs with addition of “improving access”
 - Requires CMS specified measures and PIPs



These provisions (§ 438.330) are effective starting with rating periods beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Rating period = the 12-month period selected by the state.

State Quality Strategy

- Draft, implement, and sustain a written quality strategy for managed care
- Review, including evaluating strategy's effectiveness, and update as needed, but no less than every 3 years
- Applies to states contracting with:
 - MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs
 - Certain PCCM entities



These provisions (§ 438.340) and the Star Quality Rating Systems are effective July 1, 2018.

Applicability of Quality Strategy to PCCM Entities

- Only if contract calls for shared savings, payment incentives or other financial reward for improved quality outcomes.
- Doesn't prevent state from reporting developmental screening measure, setting targets, and requiring performance improvement initiatives.



Colorado

Elements of the State Quality Strategy

- Network adequacy and availability of service standards
- *Practice guidelines (e.g., Bright Futures)*
- *Quality metrics*
- *Quality measures and performances outcomes that will be posted*
- *PIPs and interventions*
- EQRO arrangements
- Transition of care policy
- Plan to address health disparities
- How states will assess PCCM entities
- What constitutes a significant change to quality strategy

Elements of PIPs

- Focus on clinical and non-clinical
- Designed to achieve significant improvement, sustained over time, in health outcomes and enrollee satisfaction
 - Based on objective quality indicators
 - Implementation of interventions designed to achieve improvement
 - Evaluation of the effectiveness of the interventions

State Level Opportunities

Performance Metrics and Targets

- Require CCS DS measure reporting
- Set targets
- Establish incentives
- Use EQRO to validate

Performance Improvement Projects

- Require all plans (or minimally plans below target) to conduct PIPs to increase developmental screening rates

Star Quality Rating System

- Factor CCS DS rate into quality rating system if state submits request for state methodology

Federal Opportunities

Placeholder for
CMS to specify
measures



- In consultation with states and stakeholders

Placeholder for
CMS to specify
PIPs



- Require all plans (or plans below target) to conduct PIPs to increase developmental screening rates

Star Quality
Rating System



- CMS will develop SQRS methodology



Incentive payments or
other financial rewards



Withholds and
sanctions

Note that any incentive arrangement must be ‘necessary for specified activities, *targets, performance measures, or quality-based outcomes* that support program initiatives as detailed in the state quality strategy.’

Developing the Quality Strategy

State Level

- Get input from Medical Care Advisory Committee, beneficiaries, and other *stakeholders*
- Submit a copy of the initial strategy for CMS comment and feedback before finalizing

Federal Level

- CMS will see input from stakeholders on SRS, as well as any required measures and PIPs

