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# State Children's Health Insurance Program

Workshop on Pediatric Health and Health  
Care Quality Measurement and Information  
Needs

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## CHIPRA Quality Activities

- Develop initial core set January
- Improving pediatric quality measures
- Demonstration projects to test measures & inform states
- Study pediatric health care quality measures report



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## Study Pediatric Health Measures

- All Federal population based reporting
  - Identify the information on child health in each system
- Identify gaps in knowledge
  - Child health status, health disparities, effects of social conditions
- Improve & strengthen quality
  - Timeliness, quality, transparency, & accessibility



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- Distinguish quality by race, ethnicity, tribe, socioeconomic status, or special health care needs
- Comparisons across:
  - States
  - FFS, Managed Care, & PCCM delivery models



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## SCHIP Directors view

- Health is a public good
- Committed to quality
- Work collaboratively
- Many challenges in the future



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## Overview Vermont

- Health Care Reform
  - Blueprint for Health
  - Health Information
    - ARRA HIT
    - Health Information Exchange
    - Multi-payer database
    - DocSite – Bright Futures
  - AHS Children’s Integrated Services



## Child Health Status

- Health
- Development
- Well being

### Influences:

- Quality of health care
- Access to health care
- Social & environmental risk
- Individual & family behavior



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## Early childhood health

- Well child rates
- Developmental screening rates
- Content of well child visits
  - Recommended care
  - Anticipatory guidance
- Identification of children at risk or in need of care
- Referral to multidisciplinary team
- Communication back to PCP



## Innovative approaches

### High Risk Youth Program

- Resiliency factors
  - View self as important
  - Can communicate success in life
  - Identify one positive goal
  - Has positive relationship with non-parent adult
  - Demonstrate knowledge of how to access community resources



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## Innovative approaches

### Adolescent Preventive Health

- Assessing Child Strengths
  - Positive relationships
  - Participation in school
  - Participation in healthy activities
  - Sense of generosity



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## Innovative approaches

### Patient Centered Medical Home

- NCQA Model
- Measure nine aspects of care
  - Enhanced payment tied to performance
- Health practice measures
- Next step is children



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## Child Health Disparities

- Large Disparities persist in:
  - Racial and/or ethnic groups
  - Socioeconomic groups
  - Geographic areas
  - Children with special health care needs



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## Unmet Measurement Needs

- Duration of enrollment (FFS)
- Measure to evaluate health plans
- More health outcome measures
- Functional status of children



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## Challenges

- Many States are not ready
  - Technical expertise
- What measures & specifications
- Limited financial resources
  - No quality performance bonus
  - Administrative cap
- Fee for service measures
- Program/delivery model comparisons



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## Dr Dynasaur

- **Medicaid 0 – 300% FPL**
  - Mandatory & optional populations
  - Mandatory & optional services
  - FFS = other insurance or waiting PCCM enrollment
  - FFS & PCCM include SSI/ABD/CSHN
- **SCHIP 225 – 300% FPL**
  - Medicaid look-a-like
  - FFS = waiting PCCM enrollment



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## Dr Dynasaur

<b>Vermont Public Health Care Coverage</b> January 2010			
	<b>FFS</b>	<b>PCCM</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Medicaid</b>	<b>7,919</b>	<b>50,845</b>	<b>58,764</b>
<b>SCHIP</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>3,405</b>
<b>Dr Dynasaur</b>	<b>8,237</b>	<b>53,932</b>	<b>62,169</b>



## 2014

- What are the specific measures to be collected nationally in 2014 and beyond?
- How will each measure be collected?
- By whom?
- For which sub-categories?



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## Final thoughts

- Shared responsibility of federal, state, communities, health systems, and Individuals
- Organized system with defined roles and clear expectations
- Predictable method for changing roles, expectations, measures, or collection methods
- Measure to improve



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