



2008 Physician Group Incentive Program FACT SHEET

Test Tracking PC-MH Initiative - New for 2008

Goal - Ensure that timely and effective follow-up occurs for all patients' test results which require attention, clinical decision-making, or explanation to the patient.

Description – Physician organizations (POs) are expected to work with their Practice Units to complete all Test Tracking Initiative Tasks within 4 years of the start of continuous participation. Tasks include:

- Establishing a practice policy requiring tracking and follow-up for all test results
- Implementing a process for tracking tests until the test results have been received
- Implementing a process for ensuring patient contact details are kept up to date
- Establishing a venue for patients to obtain information about normal test results
- Implementing a process to inform patients about abnormal test results
- Implementing a follow-up process for patients with abnormal test results
- Implementing a process for documenting all test tracking steps in the patient's medical record
- Training all physicians and office staff to adhere to the test-tracking policy
- Implementing an automated test tracking system.

Incentive Design - In the first year, the incentive payment will be based solely on the PO's participation. In subsequent years, the incentive payment will continue to have a PO participation component, but will be primarily based on Practice Unit performance.

Year 1	First payment (April 2008)	Second payment (September 2008)	Third payment (January 2009)
Participation is defined as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report ○ Conducted a self-assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report ○ Developed implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report ○ Completed implementation plan
Subsequent years	First payment (April)	Second payment (September)	Third payment (January)
Participation is defined as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed progress report ○ Updated implementation plan
Performance improvement is evaluated using the following metrics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ % of physicians completing one or more "Initiative Tasks" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ % of physicians completing one or more "Initiative Tasks" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ % of physicians completing one or more "Initiative Tasks"