



MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Asthma Data Workgroup April Meeting
Date:	7/23/2009
Time:	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Location:	Portland State Office Building – Room 612

Facilitated by:	Rodney D. Garland
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Attendees:	
Brett	Acumentra
Susan Arbor	DMAP
Rhonda Busek	Lane County Individual Practice Association
Barbara Carey	Tuality Health Alliance
Lillian Duda-Rivera	Tuality Health Alliance
Jenny Giuliany	Douglas County IPA
James Hanson	Central Oregon Individual Health Solutions
Edith Kotbage	ODS Health Plan
Manuel Rivera	Mid-Valley Independent Physician's Association
Tracy Scharn	Providence
Marti Walton	Oregon Health Management Services

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Followup to Last Meetings Agenda Items

Oregon Asthma Program Grant: Grant in and the funding announcement will be sent by the CDC some time in August, 2009.

Medication List: Problems were found with the list for some medications where the package sizes are different depending on the distributor/system. List was fixed by setting package sizes to zero. DMAP provided more time for submission of data. Contact your QPI coordinator if you have not received the new list. Plans should check the number of canisters estimated from a single dispensing event to see if the numbers are reasonable. If there is a NDC code or set of NDC codes that seem unreasonable for individual dispensing events, send an email or call the asthma program with the NDC code. If they are extremely high, set the package size to 0 and recalculate. This is the most conservative method. Please make sure that the asthma program is notified.

Specifications Posted: Web address is <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/asthma/datagrps.html>.

Update and Clarification on 2008 Asthma Data Process

There was some confusion about the ADWG specifications and data submission spreadsheet and submission for QPI measures. The ADWG is a group separate from DMAP but works closely with DMAP for their QPI measures. The ADWG works on the technical specification for the QPI and also for parallel ADWG measures, which are more expansive than the QPI measures. There are also two spreadsheets for data submission. ADWG measures are voluntary for plans to provide data.

Asthma Technical listserv: If you are having a technical problem, please post a question to the listserv (http://listsmart.osl.state.or.us/mailman/listinfo/adwg_support); or email



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adwg_support@listsmart.osl.state.or.us). If you see an email to the listserv that you can help another analyst with their issue/problem, please reply to the listserv.

Technical Assistance: Please remember that the Oregon Asthma Program Epidemiologist is available for technical assistance while asthma measures are being calculated. The email address is rodney.garland@state.or.us. Help can be provided via phone, internet teleconference, or a site visit. Please note the Epidemiologist will be out from August 10 through August 21. Two Oregon Public Health Division analysts are being trained to answer your questions. One was the past Epidemiologist who helped develop the asthma technical specifications.

Plan Level Asthma Data Fact Sheets

The Oregon Asthma Program created a draft prototype of a plan level asthma data fact sheet. The concept is once the prototype fact sheet is reviewed and approved by the ADWG, DMAP, and the QPI coordinators, the Asthma Program Epidemiologist will create one for each plan and send to their coordinators. This will be done first for the QPI measures and then for the expanded ADWG measures. Plans were asked to provide feedback on the draft prototype before the next ADWG meeting (October 22, 2009).

Rodney also mentioned he was considering creating an expanded report that includes comparisons between plans. Discussion on this report will occur after the fact sheets are finalized.

Presentation of 2007 ADWG Data

Total Oregon Health Plan standard and plus benefit packages were compared and age groups for the plus package were displayed and discussed. There was interest in showing fee-for-service, Primary Care Manager, and Managed Care Organization totals separately for comparison. Also, Rodney will provide an example of the differences in using the Oregon 2000 standard population and the Oregon Health Plan total eligible population to age-adjust data. Age-adjustment is used to standardized data from each plan for comparison. The need for age-adjustment is for plans with very different population (one may have many children and another may have many more adults). Without age-adjusting, it is difficult to compare one to another.

Next Meeting Agenda Items Brainstorming

Discuss preliminary 2008 data.

If anyone has additional agenda items please email Rodney at rodney.garland@state.or.us.

Action Items	Owner	Due date
1. Provide feedback on the Plan Level Asthma Fact Sheet prototype before next ADWG meeting	ALL ADWG Members	Oct 21, 2009
2. Distribute an example of the difference in age-adjustment using the Oregon 2000 standard population and Oregon Health Plan total eligible members	Rodney	Aug 24, 2009
3. Provide status of Oregon Asthma Program funding	Rodney	August 31, 2009