



CONTINUITY OF CARE

The Continuity of Care measure is part of the Measures That Matter initiative, a suite of new clinical quality measures that the American Board of Family Medicine endorses for reducing primary care clinician burnout and burden, increasing the meaningfulness of their work, and to support higher quality patient care.

Continuity of Care, defined as seeing the same primary care clinician over time, remains one of the pillars of a high functioning health care system. Continuity of Care is shown to improve patient outcomes and clinician well-being, decrease hospitalization risk and decrease levels of spending. When continuity is poor, it suggests fragmented care and an associated lack of a trusting relationship in primary care.

Low-Burden Measure Adoption

The Continuity of Care measure, developed in collaboration with the Robert Graham Center, is based on claims data, so no special effort is required by the clinician to collect and track measure results.

Approved for MIPS Reporting

The Continuity of Care measure is available in the PRIME Registry, a qualified clinical data registry (QCDR) open to all primary care clinicians and is endorsed by CMS for use in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) quality payment program. The PRIME Registry supports MIPS and other CMS quality payment programs.

To learn more about PRIME Registry, contact prime@theabfm.org or visit primeregistry.org to enroll.

A More Meaningful Standard for Primary Care

Whole-person clinical quality measures are the underpinning of what matters in primary care. They are relevant to all communities, in all public health situations, and across all diseases, providing a way to quantify patient-centered quality care.

Measures That Matter focuses on more personalized care, taking into account what matters to both patients and clinicians. While current clinical quality measures focused on disease specific care have value, they are not aligned with the foundations of primary care or the needs of patients, communities, and health systems.



Learn More About the Measures
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