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Report Card Meeting - October 12th 10am

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Hi everyone! In preparation for our meeting tomorrow please find the attached document. I believe I had the opportunity to talk with most everyone about the changes to the grading scale (based on what is actually operational!) To ground us tomorrow I will provide an overview.

The points below provide some context and will help guide our discussion tomorrow:

Child Preventive Visit Measure:

Note that currently the measures include both preventive utilization for children 1-3 and for children 1-20. Tomorrow we will discuss the 1-3 measure specifically. DMAS has justifiable concerns that the numbers are not truly reflective of 1-3. As a group we will determine the best way to ensure the integrity of the measure and meet the desire of the group to measure our progress with meeting the early dental home needs of Medicaid kids. One option is to use 1-5 instead.

D-HPSA (dental provider shortage area) Measure:

Note that this measure is no longer listed as a top tier measure. As we discussed at great length at the last meeting, the data has some issues that make grading over time difficult. This will still be a high level issue, but is not a consideration for the final grade (the limitations of the data are discussed specifically in the narrative as is the importance of an accessible workforce).

Pregnant Women Dental Visit Measure:

This is a new measure for the table. Originally the group decided not to focus on pregnant women, but over the last few weeks I've had conversations with several of you on the workgroup, and others who are not on the workgroup but watching our efforts carefully, who feel very strongly that we include a measure on this population since much of the state's efforts are focused on pregnant women. The measure is from PRAMS data that is administered by VDH and is reflective of all women regardless of insurance status. It has an asterisk b/c the data is prior to the addition of a dental benefit for pregnant women in Medicaid, which will (presumably!) help us move this data point relatively quickly.

Fancy Infographic:

I hoped to share a draft of the infographic with you as well. We have seen one draft from the graphic designer, unfortunately, it is not ready for prime time. As we continue to revise it I am very happy to share it with you all – I am glad to report that it does appear we will be able to fit everything we want on one page without using 10-point font (although it will be crowded!)

Methodology and Grading Scale:

The back page of the ‘fancy infographic’ will be a stylized version of the attached document. Tomorrow we hope you will provide feedback on how understandable it is!

I continue to be very thankful for the collaborative approach all of us have given to this process – I look forward to a productive and positive conversation tomorrow.

I know a few of you are unable to join us – please let me know what feedback you have.

Thank you!

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