Clinical Data Registries

What is a clinical data registry (CDR)?

Clinical registries are organized systems that collect uniform data to evaluate specified outcomes for a population defined by a particular disease, condition, or exposure, and that serve one or more scientific, clinical, or policy purposes. Registry purposes include quality improvement, clinical research and informing value-based payment models. (https://egems.academyhealth.org/articles/10.5334/egems.248/)

Are there payment implications to CDR participation?

Potentially. Participation in a CDR can count towards satisfaction of criteria in the Promoting Interoperability domain of the MIPS program, which impacts the score that ultimately impacts payment. Other payors may offer incentives or penalties associated with registry participation.

Am I required to participate in a CDR?

Participation in a clinical data registry is highly recommended as a quality improvement practice. Most payor programs, Maintenance of Certification requirements, and many regulatory programs either require or highly suggest participation in a registry. Review specific program requirements for individual participation details.

Under the Promoting Interoperability (formerly Meaningful Use) domain of the MIPS program, clinical data registry participation is one of the options a provider can choose to satisfy program requirements.

What purposes does a clinical data registry serve?

Premier's clinical registries are first and foremost quality improvement tools. They give health care providers insight into the quality of care they deliver and the outcomes experienced by their patients. In addition, many of our registries have the option to submit providers' data to regulatory bodies like CMS for payment and public reporting purposes.

What are the benefits to joining a CDR?

Participation in a CDR is foundational to a medical group's quality improvement strategy. CDRs provide insight into performance opportunities by benchmarking results to peers and trending performance over time. Analyzing registry data exposes the key drivers of clinical outcomes, so that teams can plan and execute on targeted, high-impact improvement actions. Depending on the registry, other offerings may include education, learning collaboratives, or clinical decision support.

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