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NMI

ARIES HABQM

Not Medically Indicated (NMI)



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- Intent
- Working Definition
- HAB Measures Affected
- Potential Benefits and Risks
- QM Plan

Intent

Capture the Exercise of Professional Judgment that is HAB Non-Conforming

- Align ARIES to physician practice
- Allow for accurate collection of data
- “Sensitize” ARIES to patient need
- Increase understanding of practice
- Better reflect outcomes in HABQM reports
- Not an endorsement of practice



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Working Definition

- Any treatment a physician determines in the exercise of their professional judgment would:
 - Be ineffective for producing desired physiological effect that the patient desires or expects; or
 - Produce no effects that can reasonably be expected to be experienced by patient as furthering their expressed and medically obtainable goals; or
 - Cause harm to the patient significantly disproportionate to the benefit



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HAB Measures Affected

1. PCP Prophylaxis
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination
3. Substance Abuse Screening
4. Mental Health Screening
5. Received Cervical PAP Smear



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Potential Benefits and Risks

Known Risks

- Overlapping Terminology (End of Life Care, Contraindications, Non-Beneficial Treatment, Inappropriate Care)
- Increased data and monitoring burden
- Not currently receiving NMI from all EMRs
- Created potential means to game HAB QM
- Confusing NMI as a tacit endorsement of bad practice
- No specific training conducted on this element
- May not be useful/valuable data
- Unknown-unknowns



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Potential Benefits and Risks

Benefits

- Increase understanding of actual practice
- Align ARIES to physician practice
- “Sensitize” ARIES to patient need
- Better reflect outcomes in HABQM reports
- Allows monitoring of abuse/incorrect use
- Opportunity to reclusively evaluate and understand



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QMI Plan



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- Baseline frequency of NMI use 2019-2020
- Evaluate baseline for gaps and abuse
- Validate baseline
- Estimate natural variance
- Monitor for unexpected variance in subsequent years



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