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Large Employers Seek Better Quality, More Transparency and Data Sharing in the Health Care They Purchase

AHPI Paper Calls for Standardization in Health Care Quality Measures and Reporting

Washington, D.C. – Today, the American Health Policy Institute (AHPI) releases “[Transforming Health Care Quality Measurement and Reporting](#)” by Alina M. Czekai, MPH, Director of Initiatives at the Health Transformation Alliance. The report explains the importance of simplification and prioritization of key health care quality metrics, agreement on how to collect and measure metrics, transparency, and sharing of data between health care provider and payers and is written from the perspective of large employers.

Ms. Czekai said, “There are around 6,000 quality measures in health care today, costing the health system an estimated \$15.4 billion annually in physician reporting. Among those are many siloed quality improvement efforts, but no standardized defined set of measures or primary data sets that identify the quality of an individual clinician or a facility.”

The paper outlines ways to address the disconnect between health care quality efforts and results. It found that change will require a combination of harmonization of the key measures and their collection methodology, aligning efforts and activity, organizing measures in a fashion that is actionable, and tying measurement to organizational and national goals.

“Employers as payers have a unique interest in holding providers accountable for health outcomes. Many of the measures available today do not include conditions such as pregnancy, childhood, asthma, and obesity—all conditions that drive health care dollars spent in the employed population. Additionally, employers want measures that address condition prevention, such as pre-diabetes and pre-hypertension. Beyond clinical conditions and outcomes, employers are also interested in measures that quantify absenteeism and presenteeism, quality of life and functionality status, and appropriateness of care,” said Ms. Czekai.

To view the paper, please visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/2oQOyfe>

American Health Policy Institute is a non-partisan non-profit think tank, started by the HR Policy Foundation that examines the practical implications of health policy changes through the lens of the American large employer. The Institute looks at the challenges employers face in providing health care to their employees and recommends policy solutions to promote the provision of affordable, high-quality, employer-based health care. The Institute serves to provide thought leadership grounded in the practical experience of America's largest employers. The Institute's mission is to develop impactful strategies to ensure that those purchasing health care are able to not only bend the cost curve, but actually break it, by keeping health care cost inflation in line with general inflation. To learn more, visit www.americanhealthpolicy.org.

Health Transformation Alliance is a group of 39 major corporations who have come together to fix our broken health care system. To do so, they've taken an approach that leverages their combined size and influence to affect change. The HTA approach pools and objectively analyzes big data to identify the most effective treatments, offers access to networks of high-quality providers to keep people healthier, provides guidance for employees faced with complicated health care choices, and ultimately turns the industry into a more transparent, fairer marketplace—focused on outcomes and incentivized by healthier patients rather than revenue. Someone must help companies take better care of the people who take care of them. Employees are the engine of businesses and their most valuable assets. They're the reason businesses succeed or fail—and they deserve better. To learn more, visit www.htahealth.com.