



SNP Alliance

March 1, 2023 Webinar

SNP Alliance and ATI Advisory host

Improving Equity and Fairness in Medicare Advantage Quality Measurement: Limitations of the Health Outcomes Survey.

Wednesday, March 1st at 1PM ET

Join to learn how elements of the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) fall short of representing the diverse Medicare Advantage (MA) and Special Needs Plan populations and discuss recommendations for a more effective, equitable, and accurate measurement of MA health plan performance.

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) use various tools to ensure the Medicare Advantage (MA) program provides high-quality care to Medicare beneficiaries. One tool, the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS), has been used since 1998 and relies on beneficiary self-reported physical and mental health status. In its current design as used in MA quality measurement, the HOS does not support an accurate or equitable approach for the increasingly diverse Medicare population. This is particularly the case for MA Special Needs Plans (SNPs), whose member populations are more racially and ethnically diverse, more likely to have unstable housing and frequently changing phone numbers, and less likely to speak English as compared to the general MA population. SNP Alliance and ATI Advisory collaborated to identify opportunities to improve the HOS for equitable quality measurement within the MA population, with a focus on SNPs. SNPs are a type of MA plan created in 2003, designed to serve certain high-need Medicare beneficiaries. SNPs have grown to cover 5.1 million beneficiaries as of November 2022.

Read the executive summary of the just-released issue brief

Read the full issue brief

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