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Total Cost of Care

Designed to support affordability initiatives, to identify instances of overuse and inefficiency, and to highlight cost-saving opportunities.

HealthPartners' Total Cost of Care and Resource Use (TCOC) framework addresses one of the most fundamental problems related to population health: rising health care costs. It is a full-population, person-centered measurement tool that accounts for 100% of the care provided to a patient. Additionally, it supplies a reporting suite to support multiple levels of analysis.

HealthPartners has been developing health care cost of care and resource use measures since 1995. In January 2012, the National Quality Forum endorsed HealthPartners' Total Cost Index (TCI) and Resource Use Index (RUI)

(<http://www.qualityforum.org/Home.aspx>).

TCOC overview

Executive summary

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/dev_057633.pdf) (PDF)

TCOC Video - presented by NRHI (<https://vimeo.com/167920308>)

Overviews of TCOC and NQF endorsement.

Total Cost of Care white paper

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/dev_057649.pdf) (PDF)

An in-depth look at TCOC.

Resource use white paper

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_039627.pdf) (PDF)

A detailed review of the building blocks of resource use measurement.

Analytic packages

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_042113.pdf) (PDF)

Reporting suite overview.

Coverage

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_039626.pdf) (PDF)

TCOC is widespread throughout the United States.

Technical papers

Guidelines and considerations for risk-adjusting, case-mixing and segmenting technical paper

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_030957.pdf) (PDF)

Attribution use in Total Cost of Care technical paper

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_031064.pdf) (PDF)

Considerations for expanded use of Total Cost of Care

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/entry_180261.pdf) (PDF)

TCOC characteristics

- **Population-based model**
- **Attributable** to medical groups for **accountability**
- Includes **all care, treatment costs**, places of service, and provider types
- Measures **overall performance relative to other groups**
- **Illness-burden adjusted**
- **Drillable** to condition, procedure, and service level
- Identifies **price differences and utilization drivers**

Fulfilling the Triple Aim

TCOC measurement supports HealthPartners' commitment to achieve the Institute of Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim.



In the news

Maine Health Management Coalition receives NQF Quality Award using HealthPartners' TCOC (http://www.qualityforum.org/2016_Consumers_and_Patients_for_Quality_Award.aspx)
May 2016

MN Medical Costs Rose in 2014, but Varied Widely from Clinic to Clinic
(<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-s-medical-costs-rose-in-2014-but-varied-widely-from-clinic-to-clinic/328138081/>)
Sept 2015

MN Community Measurement – Comparison of Medical Group Costs
(<http://mncm.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2014-TCOC-Report-Final.pdf>) (PDF)
June 2015

HealthPartners' Medical Director Participating in CMS Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Health-Care-Payment-Learning-and-Action-Network/>)
May 2015

Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement – Building Transparency
(<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2015/04/20/building-cost-transparency-from-the-ground-up/>)
April 2015

AJMC – Making Measurement Meaningful
(<http://www.ajmc.com/journals/issue/2015/2015-vol21-n5/making-measurement-meaningful>)
May 2015

AJMC – Tracking Spending Using a Distributed Data Model
(<http://www.ajmc.com/journals/issue/2014/2014-vol20-n8/tracking-spending-among-commercially-insured-beneficiaries-using-a-distributed-data-model/P-1>)
September 2014

A commentary on Measuring and Assigning Accountability for Healthcare Spending
(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_044267.pdf) (PDF)
August 2014

PQC and NQF affordability webinar on HealthPartners' TCOC

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_042743.pdf) (PDF)

July 2014

HealthPartners' Medical Director addressing FTC – Examining Health Care

Competition

(/ucm/groups/public/@hp/@public/documents/documents/cntrb_042224.pdf) (PDF)

March 2014

Consumer Reports - TCOC vs. Quality

(<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2012/10/when-costlier-medical-care-isn-t-better/index.htm>)

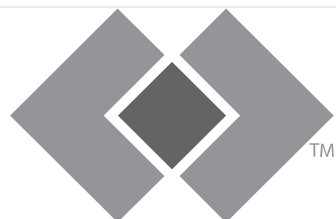
October 2012

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