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Madam Chair, Members of the Committee:

One in Four Chronic Health supports the establishment of a Health Plan Metrics Committee as outlined in SB 440. The nonprofit National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) works to identify, quantify and report healthcare data through the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS). These results are used to demonstrate compliance with the health promotion and disease prevention activities as required under Oregon Patient Protection Act, OAR 836-053-1170.

There are a number of outcome and medication management measures in key chronic disease areas in the HEDIS measures, Core Adult and Child Medicaid Measures and CMS's Meaningful Use Incentive Measures that are nationally endorsed and already in use.

Oregon currently requires annual reporting in the areas of:

- grievance statistics
- utilization review procedures
- quality assessment summaries
- scope of network summaries
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Some of the measures require a combination of claims and clinical data, however Oregon hospitals, Medicaid plans and large clinics are already collecting and reporting on these measures. While they may not be across-the-board measures for all stakeholders, they are at least a good and well accepted tracking of the health status of several major patient groups. Their inclusion in the initial measure set could speed up the use of EMRs to record clinical data and drive change. Some good examples include:

- Childhood and adult immunization rates
- Medical assistance with smoking and tobacco cessation
- Control of high blood pressure
- Comprehensive diabetes care and screening
- Annual monitoring for patients on persistent medication
- Adherence to antipsychotics & use of multiple chronic antipsychotics
- Anti-depressant management
- Follow up care for ADHD medication
- Post discharge medication reconciliation
- Asthma medication ratio & medication management for people with asthma
- HIV viral load suppression

There is more detailed information as well as the 2015 measures that can be found at this link:

http://www.ncqa.org/Portals/0/HEDISQM/Hedis2015/List_of_HEDIS_2015_Measures.pdf

In brief, we need to identify the data before we can measure the outcomes and determine how well we're doing and where we can improve.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 206/601-8453.

Sincerely,

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