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Strategies for Improving CAHPS Clinician & Group (CG-CAHPS) Survey Scores

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CAHPS Webcast Series

- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS[®]) Program
 - Funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - Develops standardized surveys and related products, including the CAHPS Database
- CAHPS Surveys
 - Assess patients' experiences with care
 - Developed for both ambulatory and facility-based care



CAHPS Family of Surveys



Facility Surveys

Hospital In-Center Hemodialysis Nursing Home

Ambulatory Care Surveys

Clinician & Group (CG-CAHPS)

Health Plan

Surgical Care

ECHO[®] (Behavioral health)

Dental Plan

American Indian

Home Health Care





Our Focus Today

- An overview of the updated CAHPS Ambulatory Care
 Improvement Guide
- How two health systems improved their CG-CAHPS scores
 - Specific improvement strategies implemented
 - Barriers addressed
 - Results achieved
 - Key lessons learned



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CAHPS Ambulatory Care Improvement Guide

- A comprehensive resource for health plans, medical groups, and other providers seeking to improve their performance in the domains of quality measured by CAHPS surveys.
- 3 goals
 - Cultivate an environment that encourages and sustains improvements in patient-centered care.
 - Analyze the results of CAHPS surveys and other forms of patient feedback to identify strengths and weaknesses.
 - Develop strategies for improving performance.



CAHPS Ambulatory Care Improvement Guide: Table of Contents

- 1. About the CAHPS Ambulatory Care Improvement Guide
- 2. Why Improve Patient Experience?
- 3. Are You Ready to Improve?
- 4. Ways to Approach the Quality Improvement Process
- 5. Determining Where to Focus Efforts to Improve Patient Experience
- 6. Strategies for Improving Patient Experience



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- 6. Strategies for Improving Patient Experience
 - Open Access Scheduling for Routine and Urgent Appointments
 - Internet Access for Health
 Information and Advice
 - Rapid Referral Programs
 - Training to Advance Physicians' Communication Skills
 - Tools to Help Patients Communicate Their Needs

- Shared Decision-Making
- Support Groups and Self-Care
- Planned Visits
- Group Visits
- Service Recovery Programs
- Standards for Customer Service
- Reminder Systems for Preventive Services and Immunizations



Today's Speakers



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