



Top Takeaways from the July 2020 CMHN Committee Meetings

COVID-19 Resources: [Children's Mercy COVID-19 Webpage](#) & [COVID-19 FAQ for Physicians and Providers](#)

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CMHN Overall 2020 Incentive Performance Report: Use to Inform Quality Improvement Efforts!

[Click here](#) to review your practice's overall 2020 incentive performance to inform your quality improvement efforts!

Quality Performance Period:

- Aetna: Apr '19 to Mar '20
- Blue KC: Jun '19 to May '20
- Cigna: Jan '19 to Dec '19

- **Engagement:** Based on Engagement for CY2020
- **Clinical Quality:** 13 of 24 Practices Achieved 48+ Points Out of 60
- **Cost & Utilization:** Pending Updated Rolling Year Results for Avoidable ED



TIP: Use the [CMHN Quality Improvement Tool Kit](#) to review and access quality improvement strategies and insights for all CMHN incentive measures!

[Click here](#) to review your practice's overall 2019 incentive performance to inform your quality improvement efforts!

Important HEDIS Measure Definition Changes: Use to Update & Inform Treatment

Appropriate Treatment for URI: Summary of Measure Changes

- Removed Exclusion to Exclude Encounters with Any Diagnoses Other than URI
 - **Implication:** Denominator Increases Significantly (2.6 Times as Large)
- Changed from Member-Based Denominator to Episode-Based Denominator
 - **Implication:** 1 Member May be Included in Measure Multiple Times
- Expanded Age Range from 3 Months to 18 Years Old to 3 Months and Older
- Added Exclusions for Comorbid Conditions
- Added Telehealth Visits to the Episode Criteria
- Important: Measure evaluated July 1st of prior year to June 30th of the measurement year
 - **Implication:** Measurement Year 2021 Evaluation Started July 1st, 2020!

[Click here](#) to view the URI & Pharyngitis Measure Definition & Key Learnings slide deck!

[Click here](#) to view the HEDIS 2020 Summary of Appropriate Treatment for URI Measure Changes document from NCQA.
[Click here](#) to view the HEDIS 2020 Summary of Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis Measure Changes document from NCQA.

CMHN will be updating the [Appropriate Treatment for URI Report](#) on the CMHN Portal to better inform your quality improvement efforts! More information to come from your PHM Network Rep.


Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis: Summary of Measure Changes

- Removed Exclusion to Exclude Encounters with Any Diagnoses Other than Pharyngitis
 - **Implication:** Denominator Increases Significantly (40% Larger)
- Changed From Member-Based Denominator to Episode-Based Denominator
 - **Implication:** 1 Member May be Included in Measure Multiple Times
- Expanded Age Range from 3 to 18 Years Old to 3+ Years Old
- Added Exclusions for Comorbid Conditions & Competing Diagnoses
- Added Telehealth Visits to the Episode Criteria
- Important: Measure evaluated July 1st of prior year to June 30th of the measurement year
 - **Implication:** Measurement Year 2021 Evaluation Started July 1st, 2020!

[Click here](#) to view the Blue KC CMHN 2020 vs. 2019 Pharyngitis and URI Report. View your current and prior year performance for these measures; Use this report to inform your practice's improvement efforts!

Quality Improvement Recommendations & Tips: ADHD Management

Recommended ADHD Management Tactics:

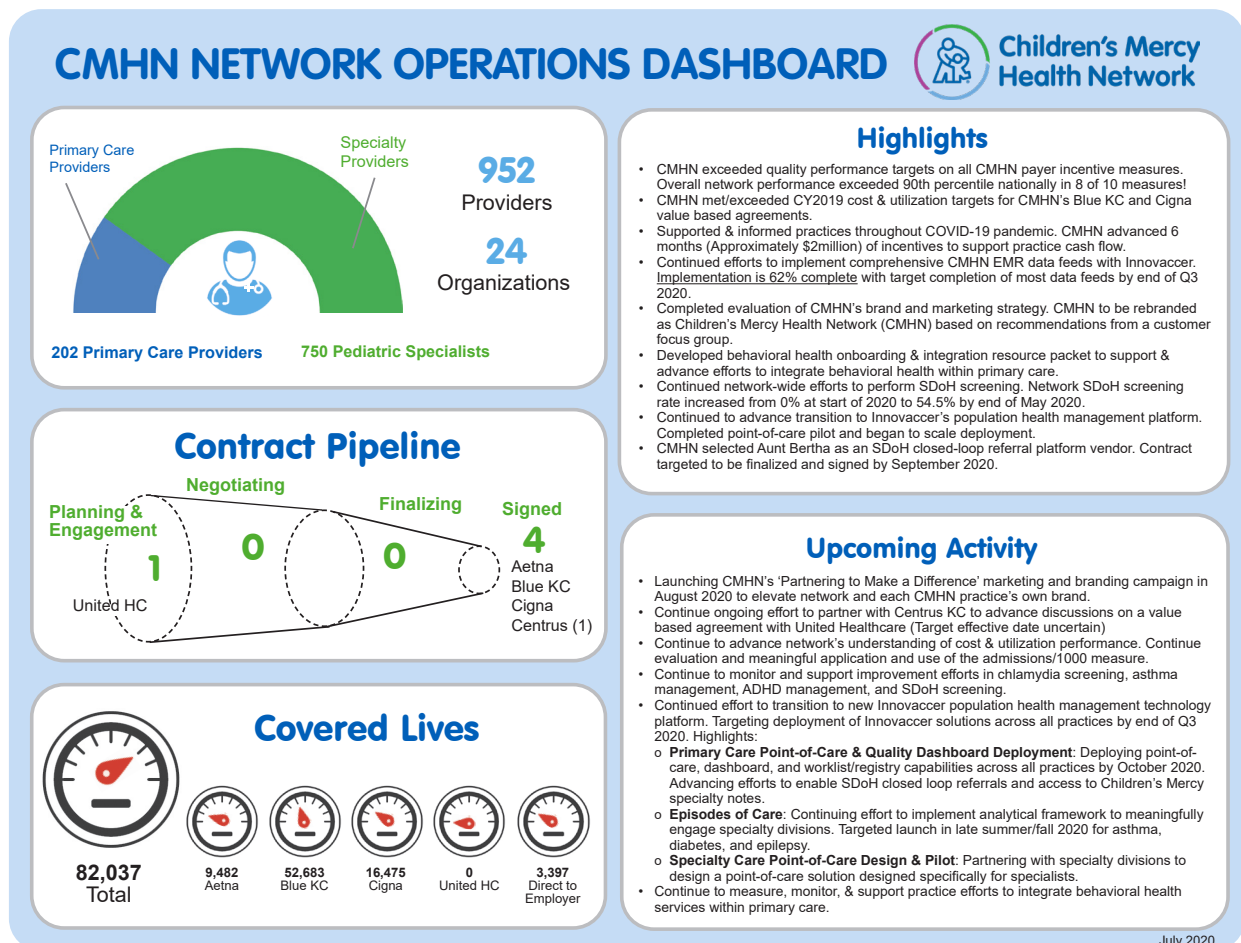
-  Utilize new [ADHD Compliance Report](#) on CMHN Portal
- Schedule the Initial ADHD Visit, the 30-Day Follow Up Visit, and the 2 Follow Up Visits Within 9 Months at the Same Time
- Utilize Nurse Practitioners for Follow Up Visits
- Avoid Long ADHD Medication Holidays if Possible
 - Supports Patient's Ability to Learn Life Skills While Away from School
 - Promotes Improved Behavior and More Enjoyable Family Environment
- Utilize Applicable ADHD Medication Resources ([ADHD Medication Guide](#), [ADHD Medication Clinic Visit Template](#))

[Click here](#) to view the ADHD Medication Follow Up Care Definition & Key Learnings Slide Deck to inform your quality improvement efforts!

***Note: CMHN will be monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on ADHD management and compliance.**

CMHN Network Operations Dashboard – Check Out Our 2020 Accomplishments and Upcoming Activity!

[Click here to view the CMHN Network Operations Dashboard.](#)



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