



ECOHEM / Prometheus Payment Project

FAQ's

General

What is the main purpose or goal of the Prometheus Payment Project?

The main goals of the project are to reach a higher quality of care at a lower cost and to reduce incidents of complications of care.

When was the Prometheus Payment Project pilot implemented by ECOHEM?

The pilot began on January 1, 2010 and runs by the calendar year.

What health systems are taking part in the pilot?

For 2010, these Rockford, IL health systems are taking part: SwedishAmerican Health System, OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford Health System

How does the Prometheus Payment Project lead to a higher quality of care?

Prometheus incentivizes physicians to follow nationally accepted guidelines of care, to communicate better, and to work together for the common goal of improved care.

I Am an Employer

How is the employer contribution to the shared savings with providers calculated?

For each plan member covered by an active ECR, the employer is invoiced 50% of the actual measured savings, with those funds to be placed in escrow.

How will an employer know what savings they are experiencing and what their financial commitment is?

The employer will receive quarterly invoices and reports indicating their savings for each ECR.

What if an employer group joins or leaves ECOHEM during a calendar year?

Since ECR's run on a calendar-year basis, an employer group joining the Coalition mid-year would not be included in the savings from the program until the January following their effective date. Conversely, if an employer group leaves the Coalition during a calendar year, any active ECR's would dissolve and any escrowed shared savings would be retained to be reconciled at year end.

What if an individual employee is diagnosed with a covered condition during a calendar year?

Since ECR's run on a calendar-year basis, an employee diagnosed with a covered condition would not enter the ECR methodology until the next calendar year.

What if an individual employee with a covered condition leaves a member employer group during a calendar year?

The ECR dissolves and any escrowed shared savings are retained to be reconciled at calendar year end.

What must a Third Party Administrator do differently in order to participate in the pilot?

In the first year of the pilot, employers may delegate the remittance of the shared savings escrow payments to their Third Party Administrator.

I Am a Patient

What responsibilities does the employee/patient have in the pilot?

The patient is responsible for following the treatment recommendations of his/her physician.

Will patients receive less care/services in order to generate savings?

Patients may receive more care according to the national guidelines, but need less care for Potentially Avoidable Complications.

What quality metrics and care guidelines are used as the model?

Prometheus uses Bridges To Excellence Carelinks guidelines. Please visit www.bridgestoexcellence.org to see the Carelinks for each ECR.

Will physician performance reports be viewable by individual employees?

It is a goal of the Prometheus Payment Project to provide public reporting of physician performance as the pilot progresses.

Does the Prometheus Payment Project change which physician I will see?

Not at this time. In the future, patients will have access to reporting on quality measures regarding their medical condition and may choose to change physicians based on that reported quality information.

What does the patient lose or gain with the Prometheus Payment Project?

Patients will lose nothing. They stand to gain improved overall care at a lower cost to both them and their employer.

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