Implementing Procedure Volume Reporting on Medicare.gov Compare Tool

01 Acumen team recommended the concept of publishing procedure volume information on profile pages (2014)

02 Proposed publishing utilization data in downloadable format to comply with section 104(e) of the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) (2015) via rulemaking

03 Conducted initial consumer information gathering to inform policy and implementation

04 Finalized policy to report volume data for a subset of procedures in the Provider Data Catalog (PDC), primarily used by researchers, to meet the mandate (2016-2017)

05 Researched existing categorization systems that intuitively aggregate procedure codes

06 Issued RFI to solicit public input on how to best represent utilization data on profile pages (2022)

07 Designed approach for selecting procedure categories (shopable, CMS interest, better quality with increased experience)

08 Evaluated scenarios under which to tally procedures

09 Developed process to exclude instances when a clinician only minimally contributed to the procedure

10 Conducted testing to assess consumer understanding of and preferences around topic and display to inform design and policy proposals

11 Identified procedure categories for initial release

12 Tested consumer understanding of procedure descriptions, and introductory language

13 Issued regulatory proposals for an intuitive utilization design display, and for sunsetting the preliminary version (2023-2024)

14 Finalized design recommendation, and data for release based on quantitative and qualitative research

15 Submitted final data, and launched new feature on profile pages (2024)

16 Developed educational materials about the new procedure volume feature

17 Announced procedure volume data publication to interested parties

Repeat steps for future maintenance