Comagine Health Releases Study Demonstrating Feasibility of Quality and Cost Comparisons Across States

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PORTLAND, Ore. (PRWEB) May 10, 2019 -- Comagine Health recently announced the release of a collaborative manuscript featured in The American Journal of Managed Care in May 2019. The manuscript, “Producing Comparable Cost and Quality Results from All-Payers Claims Databases,” was authored by the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC), Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP) and Comagine Health (formerly HealthInsight) in Oregon and Utah. The study demonstrates the feasibility of assessing health care performance within and across states using rich data sources and is part of a larger project to identify the effect of health systems on economic and clinical performance.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to work closely with our Regional Health Improvement Collaborative (RHIC) partners in developing and using the Uniform Data Structure (UDS) for this project. The UDS will continue to serve our organizations as we venture on to new projects leveraging our all-payers claims databases across regions,” stated Meredith Roberts, Oregon associate executive director for Comagine Health.

A key accomplishment was the development of a UDS file format that can be scaled across populations, measures and research dimensions to provide a consistent method to produce comparable findings across regions.

NRHI, CIVHC, MHQP and Comagine Health partnered with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and Harvard University in the Comparative Health System Performance Initiative Study funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The work described in this paper is a subset of projects being facilitated through the NBER Center of Excellence.

“Comagine Health is dedicated to advancing the transparency of health care costs and quality in our communities. We recognize that All-Payers Claims Databases are critical for understanding trends in the cost of care and lowering costs while ensuring people receive high quality care,” Roberts added.


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Comagine Health works collaboratively with patients, providers, payers and other stakeholders to reimagine,
redesign and implement sustainable improvements in the health care system. As a trusted, neutral party, we work in our communities to address key, complex health and health care delivery problems. In all our engagements and initiatives, we draw upon our expertise in quality improvement, care management, health information technology, analytics and research. We invite our partners and communities to work with us to improve health and redesign the health care delivery system.

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