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**MEASURE SUMMARY**
**CHIPRA Core Set Candidate Measures**

A. **Control #**: AC-10

B. **Measure Name**: ER Utilization - Average number of emergency room visits per member per reporting period

C. **Measure Definition***

    **a. Numerator:**     Number of visits per member per reporting period
    **b. Denominator:**    All child and adolescent members during the reporting period

D. **Measure Type**: _____ Process   ✓ Outcome    _____ Structure    _____ Efficiency

E. **Measure collected using:** _____ EMR _____ CPOE _____ Other HIT _____ N/A _____ NR

F. **Evidence of measure validity submitted?** _____ Yes  ✓ No

G. **Level of evidence supporting the measure (**if submitted): (see Oxford University CEBM Levels of Evidence)

  Oxford CEBM = 2 (Outcome studies) Weinick et al. found that a large proportion of ED visits could be prevented or avoided with better access to primary health care, particularly for Medicaid and self-pay/uninsured patients, and that patterns of ACS-ED use differ considerably by age. Many condition-specific quality improvement projects have used reduction in ER visits as a study outcome, with variations in results.

H. **USPSTF Grade** if applicable:

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I.  **Measure Specifications Submitted**? _____ Yes  ✓ No _____ Yes, but insufficient detail provided

J.  **Data Source**:
  ✓ Admin _____ MR _____ Survey _____ Other (specify): _____ _____ NR

K. **Evidence of measure reliability submitted?** _____ Yes  ✓ No

L. **List of <u>entity types</u> currently <u>using measure</u>:**

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M. **Addresses area of care mandated in legislation?**

| x | Yes (specify): acute care | | No |
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N. **Documented variation in performance (*by race/ethnicity, language spoken, insurance type, etc*)?**

    _____ Yes _____ No  x  NR

Medicaid paid for 61.65% of all ED visits of chn < 1, and 41.87% of all ED visits of chn 1-17 yo in 2005. Information on r/e within Medicaid not available.

O. **Measure used/data are collected in <u>racial/ethnic populations</u> *other than non-Hispanic white?***

    _____ Yes _____ No  x  NR