

Dr Walker,

I would like to draw your attention to an aspect of the subject of Units of Measurement, which in my view was not addressed at the subcommittee meeting of 4/2/18.

Central to the issue of measurement is the question of attribution, and while the meeting did indeed discuss this, the primary focus was on methodology for patient attribution.

I would argue that, that represents only one segment of the attribution question, the other being cost attribution, and the methodology for attributing costs.

If a major objective of the Spending Benchmark Initiative is to appropriately identify the drivers of healthcare cost in Delaware, it is crucial that cost attribution be separately recognized accordingly.

If our overall goal remains the need to address the cost of healthcare in the State, it is important that we attribute costs to the actual drivers of these costs, which is seldom the PCP behind the patient attribution numbers.

Appropriate cost attribution, rather than shame anyone, would actually be an important initial step towards addressing healthcare costs in the state.

Thanks,

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