National Core Indicators - Aging and Disability (NCI-AD)

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Implementation Council Meeting

Who / What is NCI-AD?

- NCI-AD is an initiative designed to support states' interest in assessing the performance of their programs and delivery systems in order to improve services for older adults and individuals with physical disabilities.

- NCI-AD is a collaborative effort between ADvancing States (formerly NASUAD) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

- NCI-AD's primary aim is to collect and maintain valid and reliable data that give states a broad view of how publicly-funded services impact the quality of life and outcomes of service recipients.

Why a new data source? (slide 1/2)

o IC is concerned about current oversight of One Care plans and MassHealth's capacity for oversight

o IC has been concerned about care plan development and care coordination in One Care for last 4 years

o One Care members are still confused about role of care coordinator and the purpose of their care plan

o IC has raised concerns about bundling of MDS and assessments and care planning process

Why a new data source? (Slide 2/2)

o IC is looking for detailed information about re-balancing priorities, and fidelity to the One Care model's commitment to member control, member choice and meaningful engagement in the community.

o NCI-AD is not just about care coordination, but about members choices, decision-making, how they participate in community

o Opportunity to understand intersection between LTSS access and BH/SUD

o Additional questions are allowable; NCI-AD can add questions for additional costs

o NCI-AD is not a substitute for quality efforts already being undertaken.