HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR HEALTHCARE DATA?

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When you think about healthcare data integrity, perhaps the old-but-still-true IT axiom – GIGO – comes to mind: Garbage In, Garbage Out. And as if we don't already have a plethora of colorful acronyms for the value-based care roadmap, here's a new one that applies to the health data life cycle: ARTA. Quality reporting data must be Accurate, Reliable, Timely, and Actionable.

A ACCURATE

If you don't have accurate data you won't have the right results. For example: With no unique patient identification number, you can get the wrong patient's data. When it comes to quality reporting, that's no good. When it comes to patient safety, that's even worse.

R RELIABLE

Can you rely on the data to make critical decisions about patient care and financial performance? Will the data be consistent every time? Is it error free?

T TIMELY

Different types of data are available at different times. Data that is too old or no longer relevant can lead to wrong or excessive, unnecessary actions. For example, claims data from CMS can often take months to be available. So decisions on readmissions management (to reduce readmissions penalties) or care coordination (to optimize costs and improve outcomes) could be done based on outdated information.

A ACTIONABLE

Does the data provide management with support for wise, financial decisions? Does it help physicians in a clinically-integrated network make optimal transition of care decisions? Does it lead to better care, healthier patients, and lower costs?

At Primaris, we know the importance of having Accurate, Reliable, Timely, and Actionable data. While the end goal is to use your data, it all starts with accurate data. That is why we guarantee a>95% accuracy based on inter-rater reliability (IRR), and average 97.5%, for all of our quality measures abstraction services. Our abstraction team continuously cross checks each other's work to ensure the data results align with standardized definitions and specifications. Contact us today!

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