

Advantages of CHA's Utilization Review



Use the checklist below to compare the features of utilization review offered by Columbia Healthcare Analytics, Inc. with internal programs, implemented by existing staff or with the assistance of an external consultant.

Advantages	CHA	Internal
Rapid implementation within days of access to healthcare records.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced work for performance improvement staff, blood bank or transfusion committee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimal-risk initial fee: typically for 100 charts with low risk month-to month business agreement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standardized, blinded review of each and every chart, physician and hospital to create fully transparent data.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All patient, provider, hospital and location identifiers redacted. Providers may even perform blinded self-critique.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eliminates internal review bias: physicians can review charts for other hospitals rather than from their own hospital.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rapid multi-disciplinary, consensus and expert review possible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review based upon all pertinent clinical data, not just upon limited parameters such as laboratory values.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational rather than adversarial with feedback delivered directly to physicians and appropriate hospital staff.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
100 percent chart review possible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tracking of compliance with transfusion practices and all blood management strategies, including pharmacotherapy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expansion to non-transfusion peer review, Ongoing Professional Performance Evaluation and medical staff credentialing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilitation of clinical and financial root cause analysis.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No requirement for an electronic health record.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data capture for other quality sets (STS, ACC, etc.) possible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transfusion Knowledge Assessment Tool (TKAT) available to measure medical staff knowledge and track improvement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disadvantages		
Extensive development or training of medical staff required.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Months to implement cost savings.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional work created for hospital or quality staff or additional FTEs required.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to long term, high cost consulting contract with uncertain benefit.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>