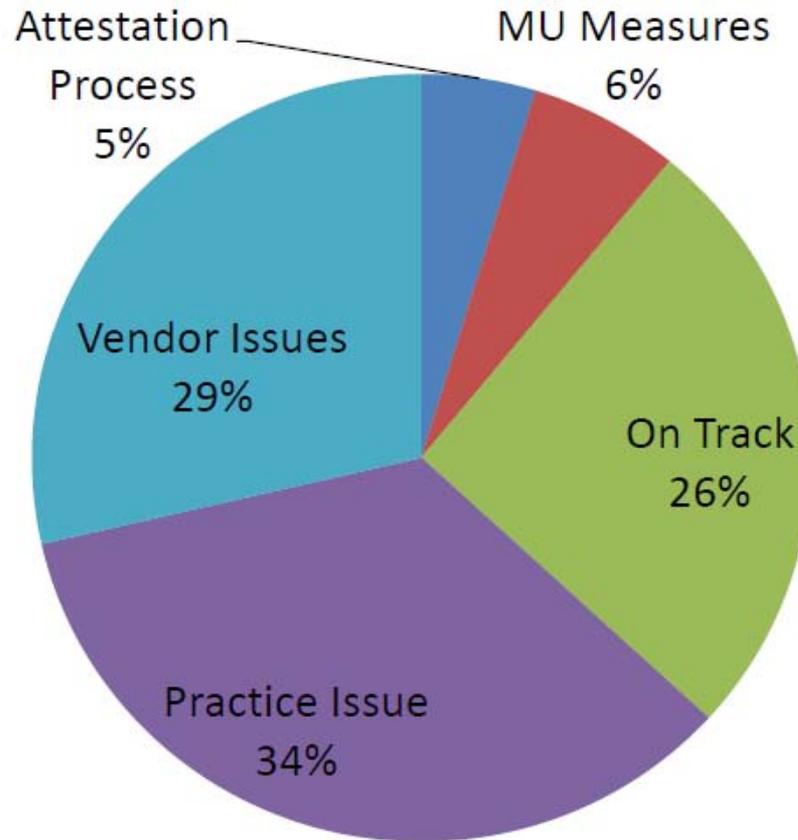# REC Reported Practice Level Barriers to Achieving Meaningful Use

Preliminary Data generated on
January 10, 2012

Background:

- In an effort to accelerate the number of providers that are receiving Meaningful Use payments in 2012, ONC asked RECs to voluntary begin tracking practice level barriers in the CRM tool, during the ONC annual meeting.
- New fields were created for the CRM, that asked RECs to identify
  - 1) If the practice was planning on applying for Medicaid (AIU) or Medicare EHR Incentive funds
  - 3) projected date MU attestation date, and
  - 2) any barriers that the practice was encountering.
- To encourage RECs to describe what practices were facing, ONC only provided a few broad categories initially to classify the barriers. ONC is now analyzing the barriers that were identified to develop more detailed sub categories. This will be an on-going iterative process and ONC welcomes any/all feedback.
- ONC is exploring identifying resources that could be used to address priorities that are impacting
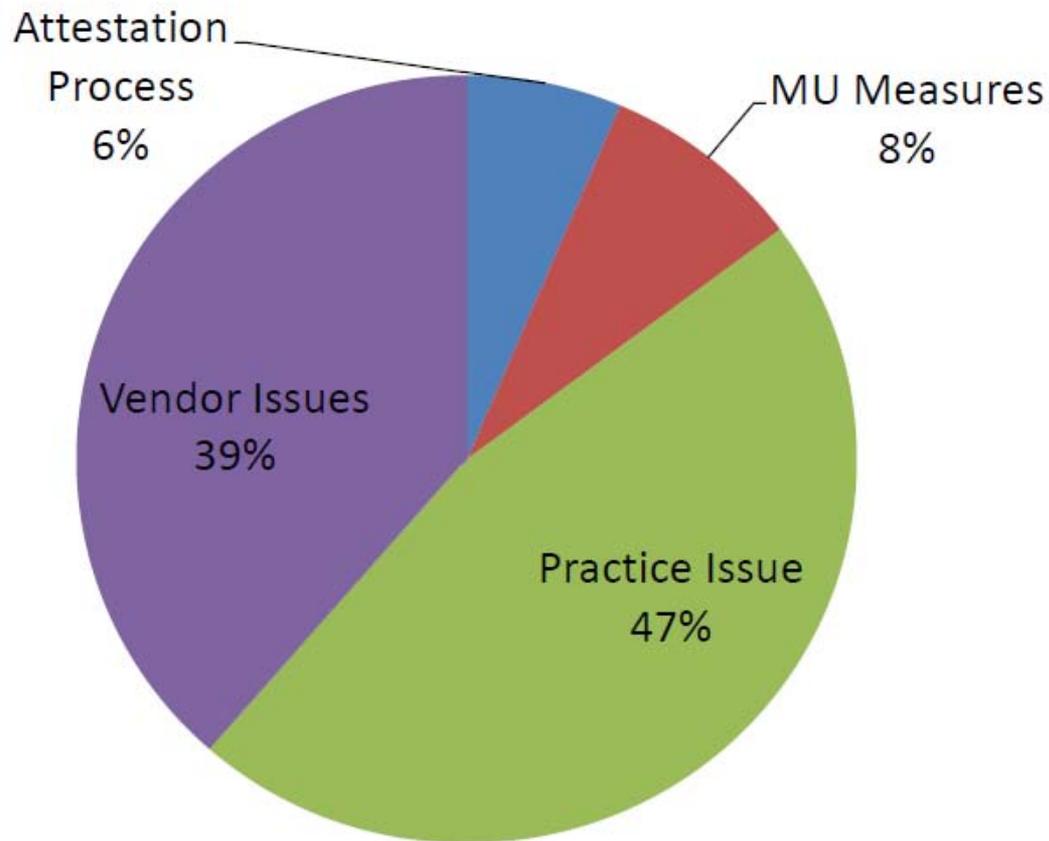
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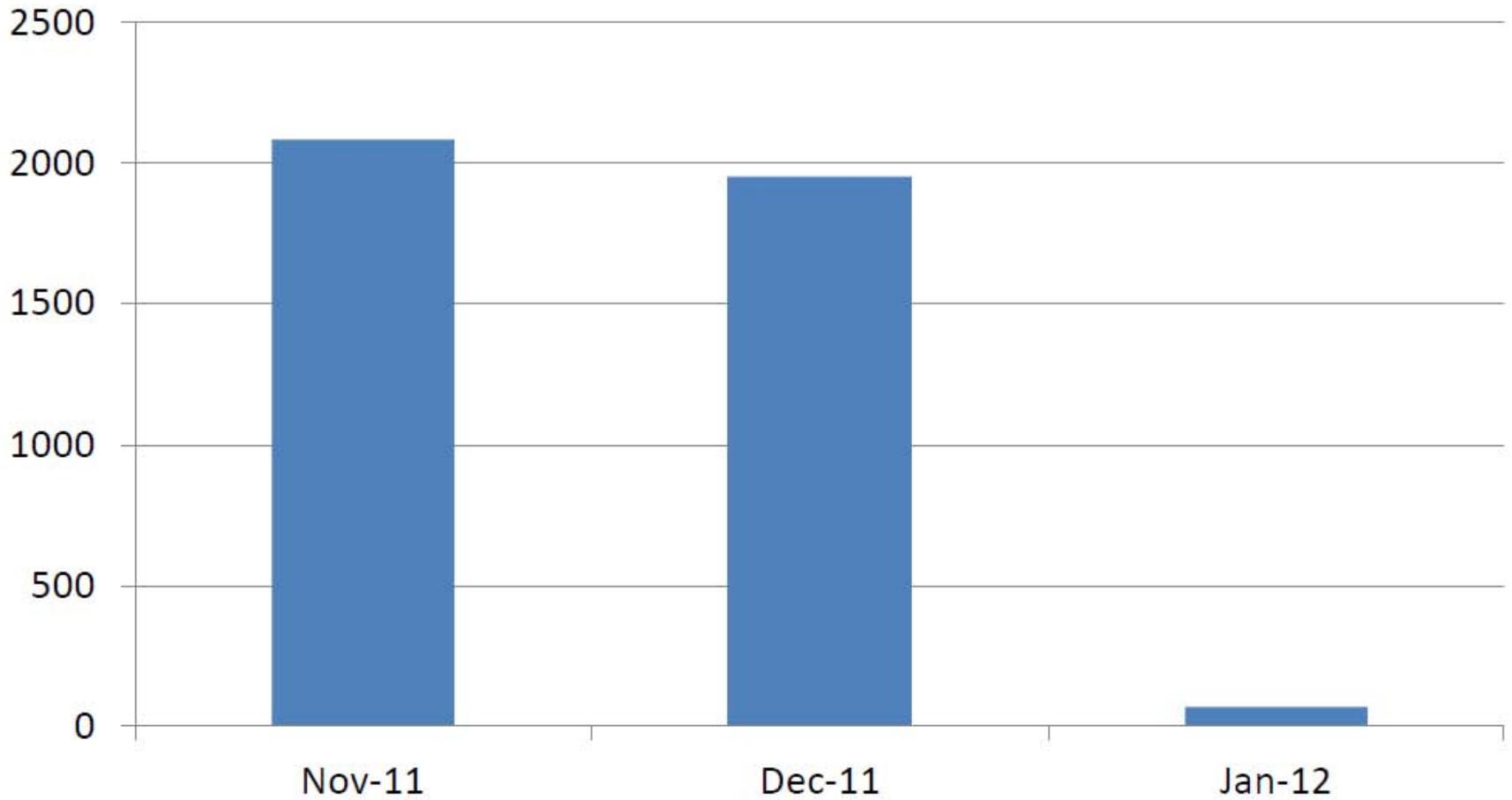

n=4103
Data as of January 10, 2012.

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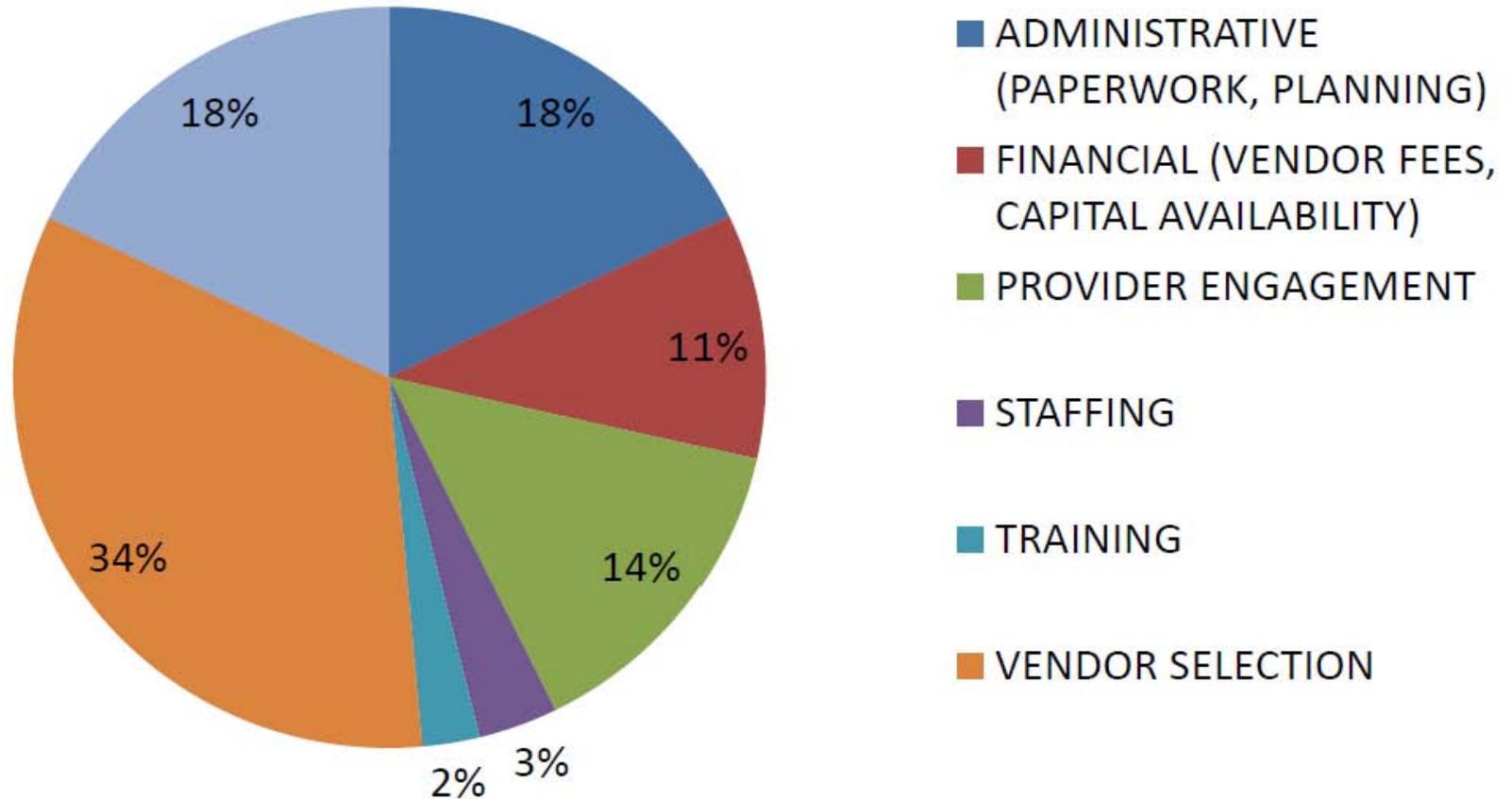Data as of January 10, 2012.

Number of Barriers Created by Month

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Practice Issue Barrier Categories

Legend:
- ADMINISTRATIVE (PAPERWORK, PLANNING)
- FINANCIAL (VENDOR FEES, CAPITAL AVAILABILITY)
- PROVIDER ENGAGEMENT
- STAFFING
- TRAINING
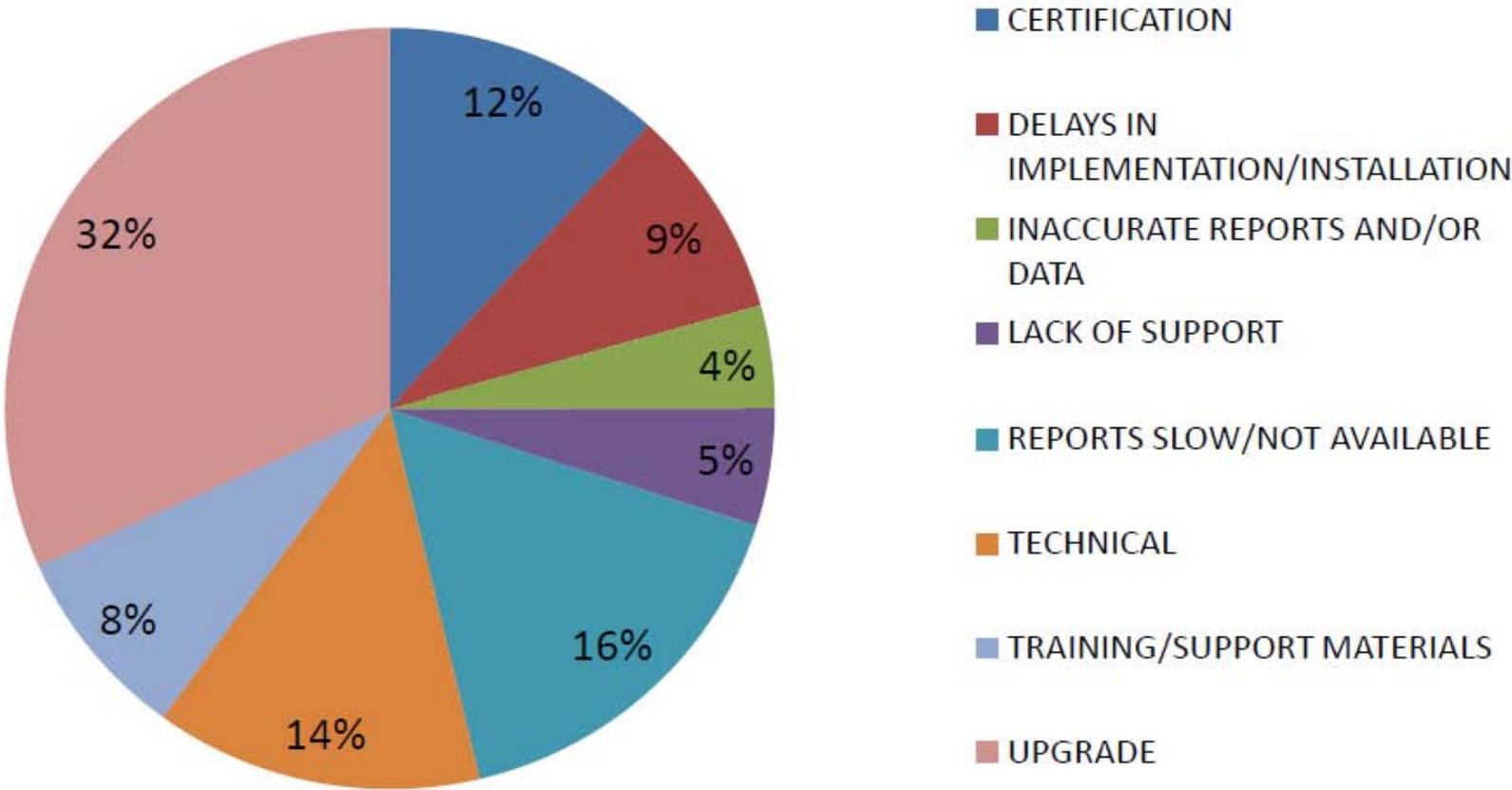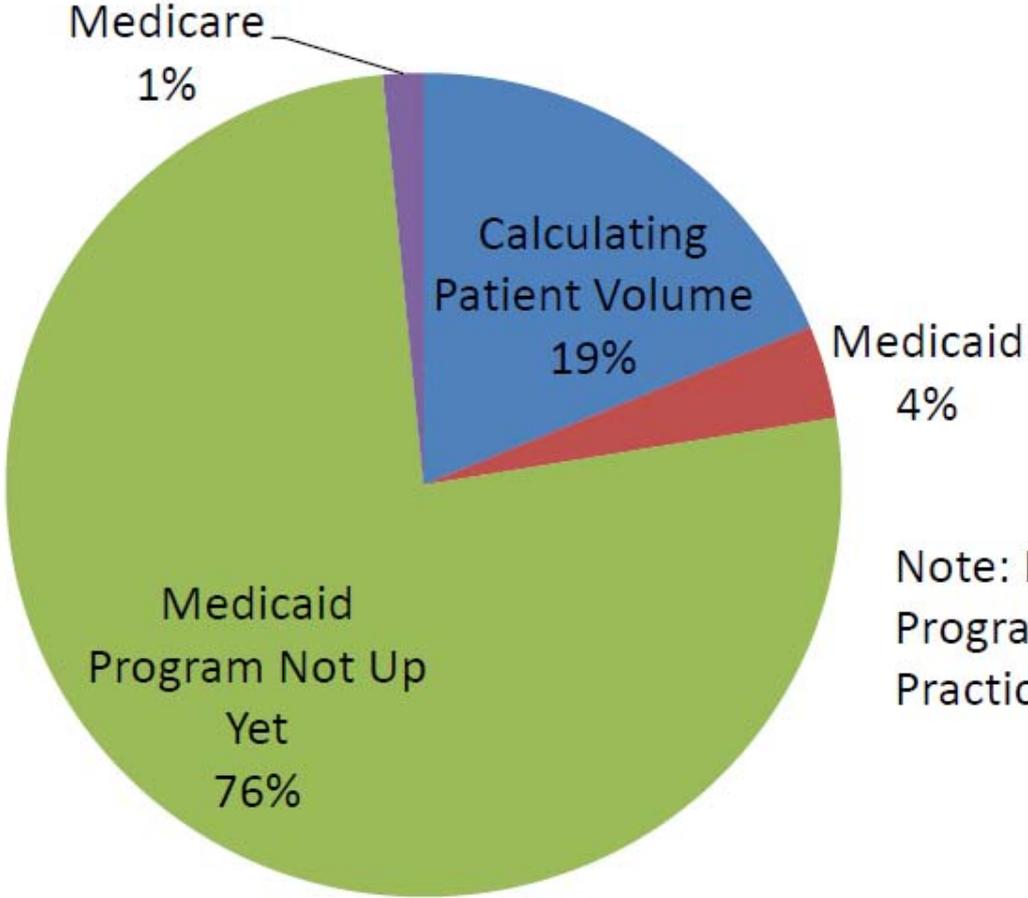- VENDOR SELECTION

n=1412
6 Issues not further sub-categorized
Data as of January 10, 2012

Vendor Issue Barrier Categories

n=1118
56 Issues not further sub-categorized
Data as of January 10, 2012

Attestation Process Barrier Categories

n=192
3 Issues not further sub-categorized
Data as of January 10, 2012

Top Ten Overall Barrier Categories

Barrier Type	Category	Number of issues
Practice Issue	Vendor selection	473
Vendor Issue	Upgrade	355
Practice Issue	Workflow adoption	253
Practice Issue	Administrative	252
Practice Issue	Provider engagement	200
Vendor Issue	Reports slow/not available	182
Vendor Issue	Technical	154
Practice Issue	Financial	151
Attestation Process	Medicaid Program not up yet	146
Vendor Issue	Certification	131

Data as of January 10, 2012.

Number of Barriers by Stage in Process

EHR Adoption Stage	Number of reported barriers
AIU	2188
MU	1915

Data as of January 10, 2012.

Top Ten Barrier Categories for Medicaid

Barrier Type	Category	Number of Reports
Practice Issue	Vendor selection	465
Attestation Process	Medicaid Program Not up Yet	146
Vendor Issues	Technical	144
Vendor Issues	Certification	131
Practice Issue	Administrative	129
Practice Issue	Provider engagement	117
Vendor Issues	Delays in implementation/ installation	100
Practice Issue	Financial	88
Vendor Issues	Lack of support	56
Vendor Issues	Upgrade	35

Data as of January 10, 2012.

Top Ten Barrier Categories for MU

Barrier Type	Category	Number of Reports
Vendor Issue	Upgrade	320
MU Measure	Measure-specific issues	256
Practice Issue	Workflow adoption	251
Vendor Issue	Reports slow/not available	182
Practice Issue	Administrative	123
Vendor Issue	Training/support materials	88
Practice Issue	Provider engagement	83
Practice Issue	Financial	63
Vendor Issue	Inaccurate reports and/or data	48
Practice Issue	Training	20

Data as of January 10, 2012.

Top Ten Measure-specific Barriers

Barrier Type	Number of Reports*	Proportion of measure-specific barriers reported
Core #13 (Clinical Summaries)	97	38
Core #15 (Security Review)	92	36
Menu #9 (Immunization Registry Reporting)	59	23
Core #14 (Electronic Exchange)	52	20
Core CQMs	35	14
Core #9 (Smoking Status)	26	10
Core #1 (CPOE)	17	7
Core #7 (Demographics)	14	5
Menu #6 (Education Resources)	13	4
Core #4 (e-Prescribing)	11	4

*Multiple measures could be selected within a single Barrier Issue report. Data as of 10JAN2012.