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CLARIFICATION #1
2005 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements
Specifications (QARR)

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Dear Quality Management Director:

I am writing to inform you of an update to Table 2 in the 2005 QARR Specifications. The Medicaid Provider Files were inadvertently omitted from the submission requirements table. An updated Table 2 can be found in the 2005 QARR Specifications, located on the Managed Care page of the DOH website.

Adolescent Screening and Counseling Measures – Numerators 5 and 6

Question: If providers use a checklist form and the form does not differentiate “tobacco” use from “substance” use, but it is provider policy to include tobacco with substances, will this suffice for numerator 5?

Answer: Yes, this would be sufficient if the plan can produce a written policy statement indicating that “substances” includes tobacco.

If you have any questions, please call Jackey Matson (email: jmb10@health.state.ny.us) or Raina Josberger (email: rej03@health.state.ny.us) at (518) 486-9012.

Sincerely,

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