

December 12, 2013

RE: Clarification #1 for 2014 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

Dear Colleague:

This clarification contains additional guidance for data collection for the 2014 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical specifications manual (dated October 24, 2013). The information contained in this clarification should be incorporated into the 2014 QARR manual and in plans processing for QARR production. There are two issues addressed in this clarification.

1. Correction to the FIPS County Code table (page 55 of the manual)

The FIPS County Code table did not include the code for Yates County (FIPS Code 123). The table has been revised and is attached to this letter. Please replace the table on page 55 of the manual with the updated version.

2. Member level reporting for members with both Medicaid and CHP enrollment segments during the measurement year

Plans that are reporting combined Medicaid and CHP will be producing results based on the two products together. There are children that have enrollment segments in Medicaid and CHP during a measurement year. In order avoid having a child contribute to a denominator more than once (unless the denominator is event-based and a member can legitimately be in the denominator more than once), the segments are combined into a single record for the child. For a child who has enrollment segments in both products during the measurement year, some plans create a unique member identifier to combine the information for the child. While this will allow proper calculations for QARR results, unique identifiers creates a problem for the production of member level detail files. After the QARR results are processed, plans using unique member identifiers may not be able to distinguish what product the member belonged to at the time of the event or service for a specific measure. For member-level detail files, the member is attributed to the Product Line and Client Identification Number (CIN) and this is difficult to do from the combined information.

For members with both Medicaid and CHP enrollment segments during the measurement year, the member should be attributed to the product for the last month of the enrollment segment in the measurement year (i.e. December) for the member level detail files. Do not create two rows for children with enrollment segments in both Medicaid and CHP as currently specified (page 33 of the manual). There will be one row in the member level file for these members. Use the Product Line and CIN based on the status of the member as of the last month of enrollment in the measurement year to populate the fields on the detail files. This is similar to how plans report member level information for measures requiring 12 months continuous enrollment.

Members that enrolled with only one product will be reporting with that Product Line and CIN using the current specifications. The change in the specifications noted above only applies to children who had enrollment segments in both Medicaid and CHP during the measurement year. **REMINDER: Member level files and enhancement files need to reconcile to the data in the Data Submission System (DSS).**

Information from this clarification should be incorporated into the 2014 QARR Technical Specifications Manual and shared with auditors and vendors as applicable. If there are any questions about the changes or the specifications, please feel free to contact me by email at NYSQARR@health.state.ny.us or at (518) 486-9012.

Sincerely,

Anne Schettine
Director, Bureau of Health Services Evaluation
Office of Quality and Patient Safety

Attachment

FIPS County Codes for 2014 QARR Member-Level File (page 54 of the 2014 QARR Technical Specifications Manual)

NYS Counties	FIPS Code	NYS Counties	FIPS Code	NYS Counties	FIPS Code
ALBANY	001	JEFFERSON	045	ST LAWRENCE	089
ALLEGANY	003	KINGS	047	SARATOGA	091
BRONX	005	LEWIS	049	SCHENECTADY	093
BROOME	007	LIVINGSTON	051	SCHOHARIE	095
CATTARAUGUS	009	MADISON	053	SCHUYLER	097
CAYUGA	011	MONROE	055	SENECA	099
CHAUTAUQUA	013	MONTGOMERY	057	STEUBEN	101
CHEMUNG	015	NASSAU	059	SUFFOLK	103
CHENANGO	017	NEW YORK	061	SULLIVAN	105
CLINTON	019	NIAGARA	063	TIOGA	107
COLUMBIA	021	ONEIDA	065	TOMPKINS	109
CORTLAND	023	ONONDAGA	067	ULSTER	111
DELAWARE	025	ONTARIO	069	WARREN	113
DUTCHESS	027	ORANGE	071	WASHINGTON	115
ERIE	029	ORLEANS	073	WAYNE	117
ESSEX	031	OSWEGO	075	WESTCHESTER	119
FRANKLIN	033	OTSEGO	077	WYOMING	121
FULTON	035	PUTNAM	079	YATES	123
GENESEE	037	QUEENS	081	OUTOFSTATE	000
GREENE	039	RENSSELAER	083	UNKNOWN/MISSING	999
HAMILTON	041	RICHMOND	085		
HERKIMER	043	ROCKLAND	087		