

January 15, 2013

RE: Clarification #2 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. This clarification provides information about reporting race and ethnicity data from indirect estimation in the member level file and the drug codes associated with Truvada for the HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care measure.

Member Level File Layout Additions for Reporting Values from Indirect Estimation

Eighteen columns have been added to the Member level file layout to allow collection of race and ethnicity probability values for plans that are using indirect estimation methodologies for race and ethnicity reporting. Commercial health plans that are indirectly calculating race and ethnicity should report the associated probabilities for each member in the last eighteen columns of their member level file. See page 53 of the 2014 QARR Technical Specification manual, and add the eighteen columns to the layout using the columns in the table Attachment A.

- Plans using direct reporting of race and ethnicity should report those values for each member in columns 207 and 208 of the member level file. The values are an indicator of the member's information, and there will be a single value reported for race and a single value for ethnicity. Plans with direct reporting will zero fill the last eighteen columns of the member level file.
- Plans using indirect estimation reporting will provide for each member the probability of the member being each specific race and ethnicity in columns 213 through 231. The probability should be expressed as a percentage of 100 for each category. Values less than 100 should be zero filled to the left. For example, if a member's probability of being White is 0.65, the values in columns 213 to 215 would be filled as 065. If the probability for a category is zero, all three columns will be zero filled. Plans using indirect estimation will zero fill columns 207 and 208 for race and ethnicity status. Plans using indirect estimation who do not have the ability to retain probability values should report a value of 100 in the column for which they have assigned that member's race or ethnicity.

We are interested in learning more about what methods you are using to calculate these estimates and will be in touch soon with a short survey.

HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care and NDCs for Truvada

One method to identify the eligible population for the HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care measures requires four dispensing events for an antiretroviral medication in the year prior to the measurement year. Members identified as having HIV/AIDS because of at least four dispensing events, where Truvada (Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate + emtricitabine or TDF/FTC) was the sole medication dispensed, must also have at least one diagnosis of HIV/AIDS during the year prior to the measurement year. To facilitate identification of members qualifying with Truvada, the NDCs for Truvada have been provided (Attachment B).

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,

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Attachment

Attachment A

Additional Rows Added to Member-level File (see page 53 of the 2014 QARR Technical Specifications Manual)

| Column Placement | Name | Direction | Allowed Values | Rotation |
|------------------|---|---|----------------|----------|
| Column 213-215 | Indirect Race Estimate - White | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's race being White as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |
| Column 216-218 | Indirect Race Estimate -Black | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's race being Black as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |
| Column 219-221 | Indirect Race Estimate - Asian/Pacific Islander | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's race being Asian/Pacific Islander as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |
| Column 222-224 | Indirect Race Estimate - American Indian/Alaskan Native | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's race being American Indian/Alaskan Native as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |
| Column 225-227 | Indirect Race Estimate -Other | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's race being Other as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |
| Column 228-231 | Indirect Race Estimate -Hispanic | Enter the indirectly estimated probability of the member's ethnicity being Hispanic as a percentage of 100 | 0 – 100 | |

Attachment B

2014 QARR Table HIV-D (see page 23 of the 2014 QARR Technical Specifications Manual)

NDC Codes for Truvada

| NDC | SHORTNAME |
|-------------|-------------|
| 61958070101 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 54868514100 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 54569558800 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 55045348103 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 35356007030 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 35356007006 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 52959096903 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 66336003203 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 68258198303 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 54569558802 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 54569558803 | TRUVADA TAB |
| 50436070101 | TRUVADA TAB |