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RE: Clarification #3 for 2015 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

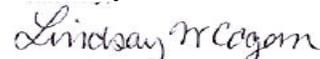
Dear Colleague:

This clarification contains information about changes made to the 2015 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical specifications manual (dated October 20, 2014). The information contained in this clarification should be incorporated into the 2015 QARR manual and in plans' processing for QARR production. The issues addressed in this clarification are listed below:

1. There are some discrepancies between Table 1 and the table on page 32-34 with measures included in the Member-level file for Qualified Health Plan (QHP). Please defer to Table 1 for Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis and Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection will not be required on the member-level file submission for QHP's for QARR 2015. In addition Table 1 indicates that member-level file submission is required for Use of Appropriate Medications for People with Asthma and the table on page 32-34 does not indicate it is a required field. Use of Appropriate Medications for People with Asthma is not required on the member-level file submission for QHP's for QARR 2015.
2. The header record of the Live Birth File has an error. The Product Line names for Qualified Health Plan PPO, Qualified Health Plan EPO, Qualified Health Plan HMO and Qualified Health Plan POS are too long for the positions outlined in the file format. Please shorten these product lines on the header format to the following: QHP PPO, QHP EPO, QHP HMO, or QHP POS.

If there are any questions about the information contained in this clarification, please feel free to contact me at (518) 486-9012 or via email at nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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