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RE: Clarification #2 for 2016 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

Dear Colleague:

This clarification contains information about changes made to the 2016 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical specifications manual (dated December 3, 2015). The information contained in this clarification has been incorporated into a new version of the 2016 QARR manual. This revised 2016 QARR Technical Specification Manual (dated December 21, 2015) is enclosed with this letter and is available on our public web site http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/plans/index.htm. The revised manual should be used in plans' processing for 2016 QARR. Listed below are the changes made in the revised version:

- Member-level File Requirements: Qualified Health Plans are not required to provide a member level file for the Proportion of Days Covered. Pages 11 and 24 have been updated in this version of the manual.
- HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care Optional Exclusion: Organizations may use facility and proprietary coding to identify nonacute inpatient stays.
- Member Level File Specifications: Column placement numbers have been revised on the member level file layout. County of Residence was incorrectly labeled as 2 column placements when it should have been 3column placements. These corrections have adjusted column numbering. Please incorporate the changes in the member level file layout. There were also two typos in Column 176 and 177:
 - Column 176 should read: "Enter a '1' if this member is in the denominator of the Asthma Medication Ratio (65-85 years) measure, '0' if the member is not in the **denominator** or the information is missing.
 - Column 177 should read: "Enter a '1' if this member is in the **numerator** of the Asthma Medication Ratio (65-85 years) measure, '0' if the member is not in the numerator or the information is missing.

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.

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