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RE: Clarification #2 for 2019 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

Dear Colleague:

This clarification contains information about changes made to the 2019 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical specifications manual (dated December 17, 2018).

The information contained in this clarification has been incorporated into a revised version of the 2019 QARR manual. This revised 2019 QARR Technical Specification Manual (dated **March 27, 2019**) is attached to this letter and is available on our public web site [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/managed\\_care/plans/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/plans/index.htm). The revised manual should be used in plans' processing for 2019 QARR.

Listed below are the changes or further explanation:

Inpatient Hospital Utilization (pg. 15, Reporting Requirements Table 1)

- Measure name revised to "Inpatient Utilization—General Hospital/Acute Care" to align with HEDIS specifications.

Prenatal Care Measures/Birth File (pgs. 47-50 clarification)

- **Use the delivery date to determine the product to assign to the member.** Identify the women who had at least one live birth during the measurement period for whom the plan is the primary payer at the time of delivery. Include all deliveries where the member was enrolled with the plan on the date of delivery.

If there are any questions about the information contained in this clarification, please feel free to email at [nysqarr@health.ny.gov](mailto:nysqarr@health.ny.gov).

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