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RE: Clarification #1 for 2020 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about edits incorporated into the 2020 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical Specifications Manual and edits made to the 2020 NYS Patient-Level Detail (PLD) File Specifications.

The updated QARR and PLD specifications are posted on our Managed Care [Information for Health Plans](#) page.

The following edits were made to the 2020 QARR Technical Specification NYS-Specific Measures Summary-Level File (page 56):

- Adjusted location numbers

Element	Location	Coding	Data Elements
POD-N Eligible Population	128-133	Right justified	
POD-N Numerator	134-139	Right justified	Numerator events by administrative data
POD-N Rate	140-144	Must include 4 digits after decimal (e.g., .2019), except for when rate=1, must include 3 digits after decimal (e.g., 1.000)	Reported rate
POA Eligible Population	145-150	Right justified	
POA Numerator	151-156	Right justified	Numerator events by administrative data
POA Rate	157-161	Must include 4 digits after decimal (e.g., .2019), except for when rate=1, must include 3 digits after decimal (e.g., 1.000)	Reported rate

The following edits were made to the 2020 NYS PLD File Specifications:

- Product: MarketPlace
 - MMA column length edited from “106” to “112.”
 - All column start and column end dates have been adjusted for the remainder of the file.
- Products: Commercial and Medicaid
 - The Follow-up After High-Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder (FUI) measure has been edited to list the column length as 1 for all 16 fields.
 - All column start and column end dates have been adjusted for the remainder of the file.

If there are any questions about the above edits, please email at nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paloma Luisi".

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