



December 8, 2020

RE: Clarification #1 for 2020-2021 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about edits incorporated into the 2020-2021 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical Specifications and the 2020 NYS Patient-Level Detail (PLD) File Specifications.

The information contained in this clarification has been incorporated into a revised version of the 2020-2021 QARR manual and revised versions of the PLD specifications.

The updated 2020-2021 QARR Manual and the PLD specifications are posted on our Managed Care [Information for Health Plans](#) page. The revised specifications should be used in plans' processing for 2020-2021 QARR.

Listed below are the changes and further explanation:

The following edits were made to the 2020-2021 QARR Specifications Manual:

- **Utilization of Recovery-Oriented Services for Mental Health (URO) Measure (pg. 20 and pg. 29)**
 - This measure will be calculated and reported by New York State. Plan reporting is NOT required.
 - The URO measure has been moved to the NYS-Specific Behavioral Health Measures section of the QARR List of Required Measures (Table 1).
- **NCQA Licensed Audit Organization (pg. 22)**
 - Copy of written agreement with an NCQA licensed organization that indicates all products included in the audit is due December 3, 2020. The Reporting Schedule has been updated.

The following edits were made to the 2020 Patient-Level Detail (PLD) specifications:

Products: Commercial, Medicaid, and Exchange PLD Specifications

- Measure totals are not required for submission. The PLD requests total rows be left "blank." Totals are not required **but** populating those rows will not adversely affect submission.

Products: Commercial and Medicaid PLD Specifications

- Adult Immunization Status (AIS-E)
 - Denominator 4 and Numerator Pneumococcal (Population Criteria 4) deleted from PLD.
 - **Renumbered columns in Commercial layout starting with column 461.**

Products: Commercial and Exchange PLD Specifications

- Indirect Race Estimates for both Commercial and Exchange specifications removed. PLD requests Indirect Race Estimate rows be left “blank.”

Product: Medicaid PLD Specifications

- Adolescent Prevent Care (ADL) will not be collected for MY2020. PLD Medicaid table updated to request the ADL rows be left “blank.”
- Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)
 - Removed from Medicaid PLD layout with instructions to see BCS-E.
- Measures KED, W30, and WCV
 - Deleted duplicate rows in Medicaid layout for KED, W30, and WCV.
 - **Renumbered Medicaid column layout starting with column 437.**

If there are any questions about the above edits, or if you find issues or have concerns with the 2020-2021 Technical Specifications manual or the 2020 PLD specifications, please email nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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