



May 7, 2021

RE: Clarification #4 for Measurement Year (MY) 2021 Updates

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about edits incorporated into the 2020-2021 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical Specifications for Measurement Year (MY) 2021 reporting.

The information contained in this clarification has been incorporated into a revised version of the 2020-2021 QARR manual and revised versions of the MY2021 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 MY2021 QARR.

Listed below are the changes and further explanation:

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

- **Submission Requirement**
 - Dates were added for MY 2021 submission in the appropriate Submission Requirements subsection
- **Table 1. QARR List of Required Measures**
 - Adolescent Preventive Care measure will not be required to report (NR) for MY2021
- **Audit Requirements**
 - Dates added and table updated (page 21)

Audit File Requirements	MY2020 Due Date	MY2021 Due Date
Copy of written agreement with an NCQA licensed organization that indicates all products included in the audit.	December 3, 2020	December 3, 2021
A copy of the Final Audit Report, including findings, corrective actions, and measure-specific results with signatures is required. Final Audit Report submissions are required to include the specified information for all supplemental database use.	July 15, 2021	July 15, 2022

- **Reporting Schedule**
 - Dates updated
- **NYS-Specific Measures**
 - Adolescent Preventive Care measure will not be required to report (NR) for MY2021
- **AHRQ Quality Indicators**
 - Removed PQI #10 Dehydration Admission Rate from PQI 90 Prevention Quality Overall Composite

The following edits were made to the 2021 Patient-Level Detail (PLD) file submission specifications:

- Adolescent Preventive Care is not required for MY2021; plans should zero-fill values for this measure in the PLD file.

The following edits were made to the 2021 Patient-Level Detail (PLD) Excel file specifications:

- Additional guidance on PRS-E measures for Commercial and Medicaid products
 - Denominator and numerator criteria will allow for values greater than 1 to account for multiple births during the measurement year.
- Row added to Commercial PLD specifications to capture Essential Plan (EP) Level information

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 2021 PLD specifications, please email nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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