



July 19, 2021

RE: Clarification #5 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. **This is the last update to the 2020-2021 QARR Manual and PLD specifications.**

Listed below are the changes and further explanation:

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

Products: Commercial PLD Specifications

- Prenatal Immunization Status (PRS-E) Measure: 2 digits allowed per member for this measure for MY2021. [columns 453-458]
- Race variable updated [column 370]

Products: Medicaid PLD Specifications

- Prenatal Immunization Status (PRS-E) Measure: 2 digits allowed per member for this measure for MY2021. [columns 449-454]

Products: Marketplace Specifications

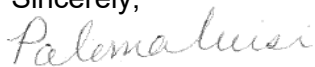
- Race variable updated [column 235]

Regarding updates to the race and ethnicity variable, we wanted to note that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has prepared a code set for use in coding race and ethnicity data. This code set is based on current federal standards for classifying data on race and ethnicity, specifically the minimum race and ethnicity categories defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and a more detailed set of race and ethnicity categories maintained by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (BC). The Race and Ethnicity Download File (Full Code System, relationships, and Hierarchy codes) is available at <https://phinvads.cdc.gov/vads/SearchVocab.action>. Please use this code set when populating race and ethnicity data in the QARR PLD.

Also, please note for planning purposes we intend to require the Annual Dental Visit measure (ages 19-20) for the Essential Plan product line beginning in MY 2022.

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,

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

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