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RE: Clarification #9 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 MY2021 Technical Specifications and Medication List.

The updated 2020-2021 Technical 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 2021 Medication List and Technical Specifications:**

- The NYS QARR Medication List was last updated in late 2020. The updated list is now posted and should be used to correspond to MY2021 submissions. The 2020-2021 specifications now indicate that a posted update for the Medication List was scheduled for November 2020 and December 2021 (page 25 and 26).
- There are no updates to the NYS QARR Value Sets. The version dated 10-22-2020 can be used for MY 2021 submission.
- In clarification #7, it was announced that for the retired Childhood Immunization Status combination rates 2,4,5,6,8,9, hard coding the numerators to "0" is acceptable if the plan is unable to report these results. [columns 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98]. ***This update is to announce using blank is preferable as that is common practice for retired numerators.***

If there are any questions about the above edits, or if you find issues or have concerns with the 2021 Technical Specifications manual or the 2021 PLD specifications, please email [nysgarr@health.ny.gov](mailto:nysgarr@health.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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