



April 2022 Quality Improvement Program-New Jersey (QIP-NJ) Announcements & Updates

Dear QIP-NJ Program Participants,

Welcome to the QIP-NJ newsletter! The Department of Health (DOH) encourages hospitals and other interested parties to review this newsletter to help ensure your teams stay up-to-date on important news and announcements regarding QIP-NJ. As always, all newsletters will be posted to the QIP-NJ Documents & Resources webpage within approximately one week of distribution.

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DOH Corner

MY2 of QIP-NJ, which began on January 1, 2022, and will continue through December 31, 2022, is now well underway and we are excited to report that we are seeing some exciting progress! To that end, DOH appreciates all of the hard work and dedication that our hospital partners have already put into MY2, and we look forward to continuing to work in close partnership throughout the entire MY.

Relative to securing necessary federal approvals, DOH – in collaboration with DHS – continues to actively work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approvals. DOH and DHS have already gone through several rounds of questions with CMS and our teams have a standing monthly call, so DOH hopes to receive approval soon. More information regarding CMS approval will be released once it becomes available.

Now Available: MY1 Targets

Earlier this month (April), the DOH released the calculated the QIP-NJ MY1 targets for each hospital for both claims-based and non-claims-based measures. Each hospital's final Baseline (MY 0) and MY1 Targets are now available in the DOH Submissions folder in the QIP-NJ Secure File Transfer Portal (SFTP). If you have any questions or did not receive these results, please email us at QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Now Available: QIP-NJ MY1 Attribution Billing Information

As you may recall, as part of the MY2 Letter of Intent (LOI) process, DOH requested that hospitals review and validate the current list of Medicaid IDs and billing provider National Provider Numbers (NPIs) that are being used in QIP-NJ. DOH -- in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS) -- has completed a comprehensive review and assessment of the information submitted by hospitals through the LOI process, specifically to ensure those Medicaid and NPIs being reported by hospitals and subsequently used by DOH for QIP-NJ are appropriate for inclusion given QIP-NJ's more narrowly tailored approach when compared to some of DHS' more expansive uses for this same information. On April 22, 2022, DOH announced that it released information outlining the list of Medicaid IDs and provider NPIs that the QIP-NJ team will use for MY1 attribution for each hospital. This document is available in each hospital's DOH Submissions folder in the QIP-NJ SFTP. If you have any questions about this process, please email us at QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Now Available: All Hospital Meeting Materials

DOH would like to again thank all hospitals and industry representatives who attended the QIP-NJ All Hospital Meeting, which was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022. As shared previously, the purpose of the meeting was to provide a brief overview of the themes and questions DOH has received regarding the MY0 non-claims-based (NCB) measure results. Hospitals were able to submit questions in advance via an online survey that was sent out on Thursday, March 10th, and DOH received many questions that were answered during the session. The FAQ document and recording are now available on the QIP-NJ website on the [Documents and Resources webpage](#). Please reach out to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com if you have any additional questions.

BHLC April Update

In April, the BHLC faculty held two coaching sessions open to all participating hospitals. The theme of the coaching sessions was "Application" and each session had 1-2 teams prepared to share how they have applied strategies to implement changes in BH practices. The two topics were "Collaborative Data Review and Process Mapping for Improvement" and "Data Sharing with Community Advisors". In May, the Collaborative faculty will host two more coaching sessions with a similar format.

Other State Initiatives

- The **NJ Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (NJMCQC)** aims to achieve a significant and sustained improvement in overall maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates statewide. The last public convening of the MCQC took place on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and the meeting agenda is available online. Please continue to check the [NJMCQC's website](#) for more information and instructions on how to sign-up for future public meetings. For additional information about the MCQC, please email doh-mcqc@doh.nj.gov.
- Funded by the Department of Health, **NJ Quit Centers** provide residents of New Jersey with resources and support to stop or reduce their use of tobacco including e-cigarettes, disposables, pouches, and other related products. Staffed with Tobacco Treatment Specialists, they offer an individualized treatment planning session, individual and group counseling, Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), and information and materials about lung cancer screening all free of charge. Quit Centers can and do play an integral role in helping clinical facilities meet their goal of advancing statewide quality improvements for behavioral health (BH) under Measure BH8: Substance Use Screening and Intervention Composite. Currently, Inspira Quit Center and RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery (IFPR) Nicotine and Tobacco Recovery Program are actively providing screening services and connection to resources for their hospital systems. Quit Center contact information can be found here: <https://www.tobaccofreenj.com/quit-smoking>.
- The **Nurture NJ Strategic Plan**, which aims to make NJ the safest and most equitable place in the national to deliver and raise a baby. Please check the [Nurture NJ website](#) for more information and to discover new ways to become engaged.
- The **Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)**, which serves as the Single State Agency (SSA) for Substance Abuse and the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) as designated by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and also oversees NJ's adult system of community-based behavioral health services. Please [check DMHAS' website](#) for more information and discover new ways to become engaged.

Questions?

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Thank you,

QIP-NJ Team



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