



## April 2023

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

#### Dear QIP-NJ Program Participants,

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. If you have any questions, concerns, or to unsubscribe from this newsletter, please email [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com). Thank you!

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#### DOH Corner

We are now approximately four months into MY 3 of QIP-NJ, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. As we look forward, DOH continues to appreciate all the time, effort, and resources that participating hospitals are putting into QIP-NJ and looks forward to seeing continued quality improvement for both the maternal health and behavioral health (BH) populations. As always, should participating hospitals have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the QIP-NJ team via email at [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com). Thank you

#### MY 1 Performance Payments

By the end of March 2023, all participating QIP-NJ hospitals should have received their MY 1 payments. As you may recall, hospitals received a notice containing their individual MY 1 payment amounts in January, which also provided a breakdown of Performance Payments and Redistribution Performance Payments, if applicable, by Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MMCO). DOH, in coordination with the Department of Human Services (DHS), communicated MY 1 payment amounts and provided guidance and instructions to MMCOs to disburse funds to individual hospitals within 30 days upon receipt of the funds. If you have not received all of your MY 1 payments at this time from each MMCO, please reach out to DOH via email and we will work with our partners at DHS to provide further assistance.

Please note that in an effort to promote transparency and ensure information is uniformly available to interested parties, DOH will be posting all final QIP-NJ payments, broken down by hospital, to its internet website in the coming weeks. DOH will maintain and updated this information for all past and future MYs.

## **Update: QIP-NJ MLC**

### **Data Submission Reminder**

This is a reminder that the MLC data report for April is requested by **5:00 PM EST on May 15, 2023**. The de-identified data that hospitals submit will be used in the Action Period monthly coaching sessions. Hospital teams can submit the monthly data [here](#), and find a PDF version of the form [here](#).

### **April Group Coaching Call Materials**

The April Group Coaching Call took place on Tuesday, March 25, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST. The topic of this session was timely triage (timely blood pressure cuff monitoring). You can find the materials from the session listed below:

- [April Group Coaching Call Slides](#)
- [April Group Coaching Call Recording](#)

### **QIP-NJ MLC Schedule**

<b>Action Period #2</b>	<b>February 2023 to May 2023</b>
May Coaching Call	May 30, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
<b>Action Period #3</b>	<b>June 2023 to September 2023</b>
Learning Session #3	June 20-21, 2023, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
July Coaching Call	July 25, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
August Coaching Call	August 29, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
September Coaching Call	September 26, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
October Coaching Call	October 31, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Final Celebration Event	December 1, 2023 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

\* Please note that all times are EST.

## **MY 2 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar and Guidance**

The QIP-NJ team is very encouraged by participating hospitals year-over-year understanding of the measurement requirements and sincerely appreciates the questions it has received, which ultimately help to further refine guidance and promote cohort-wide learning. In order to further support cohort-wide learning and ensure a consistent approach amongst all participating hospitals, on May 10, 2023 from 1-1:45 PM EST, QIP-NJ will host a MY 2 data submission webinar to highlight best practices and guidance prior to MY2 data submission. The QIP-NJ team will also highlight specific measures based on questions received from participating hospitals. Team Leads should have received an announcement and webinar invitation earlier this month.

In May, QIP-NJ will issue minor updates to Standard Reporting Template (SRT) Guidance and templates to support data capture for hospital staff training measures BH12 and M10. **(Please note: this is a corrected newsletter, following adjustment to the SRT. The original April newsletter said that the SRT guidance was released in April)**

## **MY 2 Attribution Reports**

Hospitals can expect to receive MY 2 Attribution Reports at the end of May or early June. As will be reviewed on the May 10, 2023 webinar, and as described in greater detail in the QIP-NJ Governing Document, these retrospective reports are used to assign Medicaid Managed Care enrolled individuals to each hospital for inclusion in performance calculation.

## Other State Initiatives and Programs

- 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 **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 most recent public meeting was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Meeting materials are available on the [NJMCQC website](#). The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Additional information will be published on the NJMCQC website, so please continue to check back regularly. For additional information about the NJMCQC, please also feel free to email the team at [doh-mcqc@doh.nj.gov](mailto:doh-mcqc@doh.nj.gov).
- Funded by DOH, **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. Quit Centers can and do play an integral role in helping clinical facilities meet their goal of advancing statewide quality improvements for BH under QIP-NJ Measure BH8: Substance Use Screening and Intervention Composite. More information regarding Quit Centers, including contact information for the Inspira Quit Center and RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery (IFPR) Nicotine and Tobacco Recovery Program, can be found here: <https://www.tobaccofreenj.com/quit-smoking>.
- **DHS' 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), 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.
- **DHS' Episode of Care (EOC) Pilot** is a three-year pilot to test a new alternative payment model for prenatal, labor, and postpartum services statewide. More information regarding the EOC Pilot can be found on DHS' [website](#) at the link below. Performance Period 1 (15 months) of the EOC Pilot began on April 1, 2022 and will run through June 30, 2023. Performance Periods 2 and 3 (each 12 months) will run from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, respectively. For more information about the EOC Pilot, please visit DHS' website at: [Episode of Care Pilot \(nj.gov\)](#). For questions, please send an email to the DHS team at [mahs.maternityepisode@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:mahs.maternityepisode@dhs.nj.gov).