



August 2021 Quality Improvement Program – New Jersey (QIP-NJ) Announcements & Updates

Dear QIP-NJ Participants,

Welcome to the QIP-NJ newsletter! Measurement Year (MY) 1 of QIP-NJ officially launched on July 1, 2021 and will run through December 31, 2021. The Department of Health (DOH) encourages you to review this newsletter to help ensure you 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

Now that participating hospitals are almost two months into MY1 of QIP-NJ, DOH wants to again acknowledge the helpful engagement and feedback from so many of our hospital partners relative to various QIP-NJ processes and policies. DOH recognizes the value of real-time hospital input as the QIP-NJ team continually engages in a cycle of refinement and process improvement to help ensure QIP-NJ is successful. To that end, DOH requests that participating hospitals be mindful of the various deliverables and deadlines associated with

MY1 and to proactively reach out to the QIP-NJ team if experiencing any challenges and/or there is a need for one-on-one technical assistance.

In addition, DOH is pleased to announce that on August 10, 2021, the QIP-NJ team extended a warm welcome to both new and existing members of the Quality Measures Committee (QMC). In the most recent cycle of nominations, DOH added five new experts to the QMC from the following hospitals and/or hospital systems: Hackensack Meridian Health Network, Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health, Jefferson Health, Saint Clare's Hospital—Dover, St. Joseph's Health, and Bergen New Bridge Medical Center. Over the next approximately twelve months, DOH will be engaging QMC members in two meetings in which they will provide critical input on the measurement strategy for QIP-NJ, as well as review performance results to help identify successes and areas for improvement.

Reminder: Non-Claims Based Measure Submission Deadline

Non-claims-based measure submissions for the QIP-NJ baseline period (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020) are due by 5:00 PM EST on Monday, September 30, 2021. Hospitals are required to submit data for all non-claims-based measures via the Standard Reporting Template and/or flat file and upload the appropriate files to the hospital's "Outbound" folder on the QIP-NJ SFTP. The Standard Reporting Template and Non-Claims-Based Performance Measure Data Submissions Guidance Document are available on the Participants & Stakeholders webpage of the [QIP-NJ website](#). Please email QIP-NJ@pcqus.com with any questions about this process. While DOH expects hospital submissions by this deadline, the QIP-NJ team recognizes that occasionally individual hospitals may require additional time. As a result, individual hospital requests for extensions may also be submitted to QIP-NJ@pcqus.com, and they will be considered on a case-by-case basis for approval.

Reminder: Test File Submission Deadline

DOH would like to remind hospitals of the upcoming deadline for test file submission to the QIP-NJ SFTP. If your hospital wishes to submit a test flat file or test Excel template, please contact the QIP-NJ team prior to August 30, 2021 via the QIP-NJ inbox to schedule your test submission. The goal of the test file submission process is to provide an opportunity for hospitals, in advance of the 9/30 deadline, with any critical data issues to mitigate risks of errors prior to the final "real data" (production) submission. Although the State is not requiring the test file, it is strongly encouraged to ensure a seamless data submission process. Hospitals do not need to send the entirety of their data; rather, a representative sample of formatted data (e.g., a few patients per performance measure) is acceptable.

Now Available: Chart Based Measure Specification Webinars

On July 30, 2021, DOH published a series of recorded chart-based measure specification webinars to help hospitals understand how to calculate

performance for all QIP-NJ chart-based measures. These six webinars can be found on the QIP-NJ Documents & Resources webpage. The webinars address behavioral health (BH) measures BH7, BH8, and BH9, as well as maternal health measures M2, M3, M6 and M7 (note that the information for BH9 is contained within the M6 webinar). Please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com if you have any questions or trouble accessing these webinars. As a reminder, materials from previous QIP-NJ webinars can also be found on the [Documents & Resources](#) webpage.

Now Available: Databook and VSC v1.2

On August 19th, 2021, the next iteration of the Databook and VSC (v1.2) were posted to the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage. A change log was also included in the Databook v1.2 to show and describe all changes made from Databook and VSC v1.1 to v1.2. Thank you to all hospitals that have submitted questions and feedback on these new versions of the Databook and VSC via the QIP-NJ inbox, webinars, and technical contact forums. If you have additional questions, please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Now Available: QIP-NJ Governing Document

The QIP-NJ Governing Document is now available on the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) page. This document provides a comprehensive overview of all QIP-NJ policies and programmatic aspects and will serve as a resource for all hospitals going forward. The Governing Document will also be updated on a flow basis to reflect any changes to QIP-NJ. Please direct any feedback regarding this document to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Now Available: QIP-NJ Hospital Participation Chart

To help QIP-NJ participants and stakeholders track the number of participating hospitals in QIP-NJ, DOH has published a chart reflecting this information to the QIP-NJ website [home page](#). The chart has been replicated below. Any additions or subtractions to these totals in future MYs will be reflected in updates to this chart, and old charts will be archived.

QIP-NJ Component(s)	Number of Hospitals
BH Only	19
Maternal Health Only	3
BH and Maternal Health*	41

**The total for BH is 60, and the total for maternal health is 44.*

Reminder: Statewide Total Attribution Numbers Available on the QIP-NJ Secure File Transfer Portal (SFTP)

DOH released the statewide total numbers of Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) enrolled individuals attributed for the behavioral health (BH) and maternal health components of QIP-NJ for the baseline period to all participating QIP-NJ hospitals via email on August 2, 2021. In addition, this information is available

in hospitals' "Inbound" folder of the [QIP-NJ SFTP](#). Please note that this information was provided to all participating hospitals for both historical context as well as to assist hospitals with projecting their share of total attribution for each MY. Hospitals may use this information, as needed, to project their potential funding based on individual hospital baseline attribution and statewide totals for baseline attribution.

Learning Collaborative August Update

DOH is pleased to share that 50 hospitals have elected to participate in the BH Learning Collaborative. A list of participating hospitals can be found below. The Collaborative leadership team is working to set up one-on-one coaching sessions with participating hospitals in advance of Learning Session #1, which will take place on September 22nd and 23rd. DOH looks forward to launching the Collaborative next month with these 50 hospitals.

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center	New Bridge Medical Center
Bayonne Medical Center	Newton Medical Center
Bayshore Medical Center	Ocean Medical Center
Cape Regional Medical Center	Overlook Medical Center
Capital Health Regional Medical Center	Palisades Medical Center
Chilton Medical Center	Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge & Perth Amboy
Christ Hospital	Riverview Medical Center
Clara Maass Medical Center	Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Community Medical Center	Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton
Cooper University Medical Center	Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway
East Orange General Hospital	Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset
Elmer-Mullica Hill (Inspira)	Shore Memorial Hospital
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center	Southern Ocean Medical Center
Hackensack University Medical Center	St. Barnabas Medical Center
Hackensack University Medical Center at Pascack Valley	St. Clare's Denville
Hackettstown Medical Center	St. Clare's Dover
Hoboken University Medical Center	St. Francis Medical Center
Hunterdon Medical Center	St. Michael's Medical Center
Jefferson Health	St. Peter's University Hospital
Jersey City Medical Center	The Valley Hospital
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	Trinitas Regional Medical Center
JFK Medical Center	University Hospital
Monmouth Medical Center	Vineland (Inspira)
Morristown Medical Center	Virtua Memorial Hospital
New Bridge Medical Center	Virtua Willingboro Hospital

Additionally, please take note of the following information regarding Learning Session #1, which has been sent out via email. Please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com to ensure your Collaborative team has access to Learning Session #1 registration and program update emails.

SAVE THE DATE!

New Jersey Department of Health



Quality Improvement Program – New Jersey (QIP-NJ) Behavioral Health (BH) Learning Collaborative (LC) - **LEARNING SESSION #1**

**THIS EVENT WILL BE
HOSTED VIRTUALLY
VIA ZOOM.**

SEPTEMBER

22nd (Wed.) & the
23rd (Thu), 2021
1:00-5:00pm EST.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DR. SCOTT ZELLER, MD.

- Panel Presentation.
- Hospital Presentations and Breakout Groups.
- Registration and session details coming soon.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Participation in this event is limited to the LC team members from hospitals who elected to participate in the QIP-NJ BH LC, including:

- Team leader and executive leader;
- Emergency department physicians, nurses, physician assistants, social workers, pharmacists, case managers and other members of the care team;
- Administrative, informatics and/or quality staff;
- Patients or family/caregiver representatives who are participating on the LC team;
- Community provider representatives who are part of the LC team.

Continuing education content for this program has been submitted for review for the following disciplines:

- Physicians AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™
- Nursing ANCC
- Pharmacy ACPE
- Psychology APA
- Social Work NJBSWE
- Professional Counselors

One-on-one coaching sessions will be available to all teams on **September 24th (Fri) and 27th (Mon), 2021** to ensure each team has a clear and actionable plan for the first test of change. Sign-up details coming soon.



Other State Initiatives & Programs

DOH – like other NJ State departments, strives to streamline processes, reduce duplication, and ease administrative burdens, to the greatest extent possible, relative to our various state-lead initiatives and programs, and particularly when they focus on the same subject-matter and/or target populations. To this end, DOH regularly engages and cross-checks with key partners and stakeholder groups (both internal and external) to promote alignment across both different NJ State departments and quality improvement initiatives and programs, while also always remaining cognizant of broader NJ State Leadership goals.

As a result, DOH would like to encourage hospital partners to stay informed and engaged relative to the work of DOH, as well as other NJ State departments, through their various state initiatives and programs, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The NJ Maternal Care Quality Collaborative (NJMCQC), which aims to achieve a significant and sustained improvement in overall maternal and infant morbidity and mortality rates statewide. The NJMCQC held its first public meeting on June 29, 2021, and there is more to come! Please check the [NJMCQC's website](#) for more information and to sign-up for future public meetings.
- 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.

Now Available: NJ DSRIP Dashboard Update DY8 Q4

The NJ DSRIP dashboard has been updated to include the final DY8 Q4 performance results for all participating hospitals. The updated dashboard can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the dashboard results, please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Questions?

If you have any questions, concerns, or to unsubscribe please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Thank you,

The QIP-NJ Team

