



## January 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

We hope that all of our hospital partners are having a happy new year thus far! To that end, we are pleased to report that Measurement Year (MY)1 of QIP-NJ concluded on December 31, 2021, and we are now approximately one month into MY2. DOH appreciates all of the hard work and dedication that all of our hospital partners put into closing out any remaining MY1 deliverables as they simultaneously shifted their focus to MY2 and beyond. DOH wants to remind our hospital partners that although MY2 started on January 1, 2022, DOH – in collaboration with the Department of Human Services – continues to actively work to secure necessary federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approvals. More information regarding CMS approvals will be released once it becomes available.

## Reminder: QIP-NJ Baseline Non-Claims Based Measures Submissions and Technical Assistance Webinars Available on Website

On November 8, 2021, DOH released a memo related to hospital baseline (MY0) non-claims-based data submissions, which outlined a detailed remediation strategy that affords impacted hospitals a one-time opportunity to resubmit their baseline (MY0) non-claims-based data. To further support hospitals in this space, DOH scheduled a series of seven (7) live webinars starting in December 2021 and continuing through early January 2022, which provided additional, targeted technical assistance for each non-claims-based measure. In the event that a representative from your hospital was unable to attend one or more of the live sessions and/or if you simply want to listen again, please note that recordings of all of the technical assistance webinars are available on the QIP-NJ website on the [Documents and Resources](#) webpage.

As a reminder, all MY0 non-claims-based data resubmissions **MUST** be received by DOH **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 4, 2022**. In addition, prior to resubmitting any MY0 non-claims-based data, DOH again strongly suggests that all impacted hospitals confirm they have done the following:

1. Reviewed their original MY0 non-claims-based data submissions against the updated Standard Reporting Template (SRT) guidance;
2. Reviewed their own individual hospital error reports;
3. Attended the applicable/requisite technical assistance webinar(s) and/or listed to the recordings available on the QIP-NJ website; and
4. If/as needed, reached out to DOH via the [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com) email with hospital-specific questions.

Please note that if hospitals choose not to resubmit their non-claims-based baseline data or resubmit but fail to correct the errors identified in their individual reports in alignment with QIP-NJ requirements, DOH will use the originally submitted MY0 non-claims-based data, along with MY1 non-claims-based data, to calculate performance payments. ***To that end, please also note that failing to resubmit corrected MY0 non-claims-based data, consistent with the clarified SRT guidance and additional technical assistance, may result in hospitals not meeting performance targets and thus not earning payment for the corresponding measure(s).***

Following the resubmission deadline of February 4, 2022, DOH will calculate individual hospital performance results and publish an appeals guidance document and workbook to the QIP-NJ [Participants & Stakeholders](#) webpage. Appeals guidance documents and workbooks will be updated annually. As a reminder, only computational and systemic reporting errors may be appealed; disputes related to DOH- and CMS-approved QIP-NJ protocols, program policy, formula designs, or measure baselines, are not appealable. Additionally, hospitals cannot appeal results based on non-claims-based data submitted incorrectly.

DOH appreciates your continued attention to this important matter and looks forward to receiving resubmissions for hospital-submitted MY0 non-claims-based data by the end of next week. In the interim, should you have any questions about the resubmission process, please reach out via email at [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

## Update: New Versions of FAQ and Governing Documents To Be Posted In February

DOH would like to flag for hospitals that the FAQ and Governing Documents, available on the QIP-NJ website as program guidance resources, will be updated in the coming month. As a reminder, the QIP-NJ FAQ document provides additional guidance and clarification to key partners and stakeholders relative to QIP-NJ and covers topics including but not limited to general information, eligibility and participation, attribution, measure selections and updates, measurement and payment calculations, hospital funding and payments, Learning Collaboratives, and program support. The QIP-NJ Governing Document provides a high-level overview of all aspects of QIP-NJ for hospitals' benefit.

## BHLC January Update

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and associated impact on our hospital partners in terms of staffing and available resources, DOH -- in close consultation with BH LC participants -- has decided to postpone BH Learning Session (LS) #2, which was previously scheduled for January 25 and 26, 2022. DOH is planning to reschedule LS #2 for March 15 and 16, 2022. DOH will communicate more information about the specifics of the rescheduled LS #2 as soon as possible.

## Other State Initiatives and Programs

DOH continues 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 most recent public meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please 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](mailto:doh-mcqc@doh.nj.gov).
- 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?

If you have any questions, concerns, or to unsubscribe please email [QIP-NJ@pcqus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcqus.com).

Thank you,

QIP-NJ Team



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