



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

### Dear QIP-NJ Program 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 updates 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

As mentioned above, QIP-NJ officially went live on July 1, 2021! DOH is extremely excited to report that 62 hospitals are participating in QIP-NJ for MY1, either in the maternal health component (3), behavioral health (BH) component (18) or both (41). For those participating hospitals, DOH looks forward to working in close partnership with your hospital teams to improve care for the maternal health and BH populations in NJ.

In addition, DOH is also hosting a voluntary BH Learning Collaborative (Collaborative) starting in the fall of 2021, which will function to foster and support the success of hospitals participating in QIP-NJ through close collaboration with Collaborative faculty and subject-matter experts in maternal health and BH, shared learning models, and advancement of evidence-based best practices to help improve outcomes and ultimately make QIP-NJ

successful. DOH is very encouraged to report that as of the date of this publication, 50 hospitals have formally committed to joining the Collaborative. For more information about how to join, please see the Collaborative Participation Interest Form final reminder below.

Lastly, DOH would just like to again thank hospitals for their continued engagement and feedback relative to various QIP-NJ webinars, forums, and meetings. DOH sincerely appreciates all the thoughtful questions and insights shared by hospitals that help ensure the QIP-NJ team is able to both develop new, as well as make accurate and timely updates to existing, QIP-NJ materials.

### **Reminder: Databook, VSC, and Databook FAQ v1.1 Available Online**

On July 1, 2021, the next iteration of the Databook and VSC (v1.1), as well as the Databook FAQ were posted to the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage. A change log was also included in the Databook v1.1 to show and describe all changes made from Databook and VSC v1.0 to v1.1. 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](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

### **Now Available: Baseline (MY0) Attribution Rosters**

DOH is pleased to announce that the baseline attribution rosters for QIP-NJ, including both the behavioral health (BH) and maternal health components, have been posted to the [QIP-NJ Secure File Transfer Protocol](#) (SFTP). The three, previously identified SFTP users per hospital should have received credentials for the QIP-NJ SFTP from [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com). Instructions for logging in and using the SFTP are available in the [QIP-NJ SFTP User Guide](#), posted on the [QIP-NJ Participants & Stakeholders](#) webpage.

DOH strongly encourages all hospitals to review their attribution rosters for completeness and accuracy in a timely manner in advance of the baseline non-claims-based performance measure submission, which runs from Monday, August 2, 2021, through Thursday, September 30, 2021.

As a reminder, details on the attribution methodology may be found in the Databook v1.1 section “Attribution Methodology Overview” (pp. 14-15).

If hospitals believe there are potential patient-level discrepancies in their attribution roster(s), they should fill out the “Attribution Feedback Form” sent to hospitals on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. This form will require submission of the tab “Hospital Tracking” with hospital information as well as overall specifics regarding the issue. Tab “Individual Tracking” will allow the hospital to provide the minimum-necessary individual data elements found within the attribution roster to allow DOH to investigate the issue further, and, if needed, undertake any appropriate follow-up action to remediate. The “Attribution Feedback Form” has been uploaded to each hospital’s “Inbound” folder on the [QIP-NJ SFTP](#). If hospitals intend to complete this form, it must be submitted to your hospital’s “Outbound” folder on the [QIP-NJ SFTP](#) by **5:00 PM EST on Friday, August 13, 2021.**

### **Reminder: QIP-NJ Hospital Technical Contact Forum #3**

Thank you to all the hospitals who have participated in the first two technical contact forums. DOH will be hosting the third QIP-NJ Hospital Technical Contact Forum on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST** to review the baseline attribution rosters and the data entry process for non-claims-based data into the Standard Reporting Template. If you did not receive the meeting details and believe you are your hospital’s technical contact, please reach out to [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

### **Now Available: BH Learning Collaborative Information Session #2 Materials**

Thank you to all our key partners and stakeholders who attended the QIP-NJ Learning Collaborative Information Session held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST. If you were unable to attend the webinar and/or would like to access the webinar materials for further review, please visit the [QIP-NJ Documents & Resources](#) webpage for the webinar recording, slides, and Question & Answer (Q&A) document.

If you would like to learn more about the Collaborative, you can navigate to the [QIP-NJ Learning Collaborative](#) webpage to access the [Collaborative Charter](#), an [Information Sheet](#) and an improvement toolkit known as the “[Change Package](#)”. Additionally, you can schedule a one-on-one call with the Collaborative team to learn more about the opportunity to participate in the Collaborative.

## **Final Reminder: BH Learning Collaborative Participation Interest Form**

DOH is preparing to launch its BH Learning Collaborative this fall and invites all interested hospitals to join! If you are ready to form a team for the Collaborative, you can access and complete the [Participation Interest Form](#). To participate in the BH Collaborative starting in Fall 2021, please submit this form **as soon as possible** to the QIP-NJ Inbox ([QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com)).

### **Questions?**

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

Thank you,

QIP-NJ Team

