



## June 2021 QIP-NJ Announcements & Updates

### Dear QIP-NJ Program Participants,

Welcome to the Quality Improvement Program – New Jersey (QIP-NJ) newsletter! The Department of Health (DOH) is excited for your participation in QIP-NJ and uses this newsletter to communicate any upcoming QIP-NJ announcements. All newsletters will be posted to the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage within approximately one week of distribution.

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### DOH Corner

QIP-NJ officially goes live on July 1, 2021! DOH would like to thank all hospitals for submitting their QIP-NJ Measurement Year 1 (MY1) LOI. For those who indicated they will be participating, DOH looks forward to working with your teams on improving care for the behavioral health (BH) and maternal health populations in New Jersey.

DOH would also like to thank hospitals for their engagement in the various QIP-NJ webinars, forums, and meetings. DOH appreciates all hospitals' thoughtful questions and insights to support the QIP-NJ team in developing and updating QIP-NJ materials.

## **QIP-NJ MY1 LOI Update**

The QIP-NJ LOIs, confirming or declining participation in QIP-NJ for MY1, were due from all NJ acute care hospitals on June 15, 2021. Thank you to all hospitals for submitting a completed LOI.

We look forward to working with all hospitals participating in QIP-NJ! As a reminder, hospitals may participate in MY2, even if they did not participate in MY1. If the hospital elects to participate in QIP-NJ in a subsequent MY, the hospital must provide: (1) the necessary baseline data to determine performance targets and payment calculations and (2) a completed LOI confirming participation and agreeing to program conditions. The hospital also agrees that if it elects to participate in subsequent MYs, it will be required to close 50% of the performance gap from the prior MY in addition to the full gap of the MY in which the hospital joins as a participant.

## **QIP-NJ FAQ v1.0 Document: Now Available!**

DOH is excited to share that the [QIP-NJ FAQ](#) document is now available on the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage. 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. As DOH receives additional questions, this document will be updated as indicated by the version number and date in the header. Any new and/or revised questions or language from the prior version of the FAQs will be denoted with bold and underlined text, e.g., "**Sample**". General questions or comments regarding QIP-NJ, or this document specifically may also be submitted to DOH via email at [QIP-NJ@PCGUS.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@PCGUS.com).

## **Databook, VSC, and Databook FAQ v1.1: Available on July 1, 2021**

Thank you to all hospitals that submitted questions and feedback on Databook and VSC v1.0 via the QIP-NJ inbox, webinars, and technical contact forums. We are currently incorporating these changes and will post the Databook and VSC v1.1 by July 1, 2021 to the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage. A change log will also be published to show and describe all changes made from Databook and VSC v1.0 to v1.1.

We are also excited to share that the Databook FAQ will be available on July 1, 2021 on the QIP-NJ [Documents & Resources](#) webpage. The Databook FAQ is a comprehensive guidance document that addresses the most common and foundational QIP-NJ Databook questions that concern general performance measurement and specific measures. If you have additional questions, please email [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

## **QIP-NJ Databook Webinar Materials: Now Available!**

Thank you to all our key partners and stakeholders who attended the QIP-NJ Databook Overview Webinar held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 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 Q&A document.

## **Baseline Attribution List Update**

In prior communications, DOH had indicated that QIP-NJ would share baseline (MY0) attribution lists with all participating hospitals prior to the program start date of July 1, 2021. However, after running preliminary baseline attribution lists, DOH identified a small number of hospitals that had various data anomalies that required further research and targeted conversations to address.

As part of our validation and quality assurance process, as well as to ensure the accuracy and completeness of baseline (MY0) attribution lists, DOH is working with the small number of hospitals with data anomalies to immediately remediate these findings. After solving these issues, DOH will be running final attribution lists for the baseline (MY0) period and will provide that information to participating hospitals no later than the end of July 2021. DOH would like to reiterate that this shift in the timeline for sharing the baseline attribution lists will not substantively impact program start and any associated hospital due dates will be shifted and communicated via normal distribution channels.

Additionally, DOH is having internal discussions to create a process for participating hospitals to submit their Medicaid IDs/Billing Provider National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) for DOH and Department of Human Services (DHS) approval prior to MY1 attribution calculations.

## **QIP-NJ SFTP Access**

Thank you again to all of those that have returned their hospital's LOI and completed out the [QIP-NJ Contact Information and Access Request](#) form. Those who have identified themselves as their hospital's primary contact on the LOI and those who have requested access via the Access Request form will be given access to the [QIP-NJ SFTP](#). Credentials will be sent via [QIP-NJ@pcqus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcqus.com) and a [QIP-NJ SFTP User Guide](#) is available on the [QIP-NJ Participants & Stakeholders](#) webpage. Please note, to ensure security, three users per hospital will be granted access, with an additional two users for health systems. Any additional access requests will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

## **QIP-NJ Hospital Technical Contact Forum #2 Reminder**

Thank you to all the hospitals who participated in the first technical contact forum. DOH will be hosting the QIP-NJ Hospital Technical Contact Forum #2 on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST** to address final MY1 Databook/VSC questions and concerns and preview and receive feedback on the non-claims-based measures submission template and process. 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).

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

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 by **Friday, July 23, 2021** to the QIP-NJ Inbox ([QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com)).

If you would like to learn more about the QIP-NJ Learning Collaborative (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.

## **Save the Date: BH Learning Collaborative Information Session #2**

DOH will be hosting a second Information Session about the QIP-NJ BH Learning Collaborative on **Thursday, July 15 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm EST**. DOH encourages all hospitals, especially those who have not already turned in their Participation Interest Form, to attend this session. Hospitals can access the recording, slides and Q&A document from the first Information session on the [Documents & Resources](#) section of the [QIP-NJ website](#).

### Objectives:

- Ensure hospitals understand how the Collaborative can support them, with a review of benefits and expectations of participation.
- Provide an overview of Learning Session 1.

### Target Audience:

- Emergency Department care team members, Quality staff and analysts, and other hospital staff responsible for QIP-NJ participation.

**Event:** QIP-NJ Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative  
Information Session #2

**Date and Time:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 11:00 – 12:00 pm EST

**Webinar Link:** [Information Session Web Link](#)

## 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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