



March 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. Thank you!

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DOH Corner

We are now approximately three 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 of 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. Thank you.

MY 1 Performance Payments

In January, hospitals received a notice containing their individual MY 1 payment amounts. The notice provided a breakdown of Performance Payments and Redistribution Performance Payments, if applicable, by Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MMCO), that each hospital will receive.

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. Accordingly, DOH expects that all hospitals have now received their MY 1 payments. If you have not received all of your MY 1 payments, please reach out to DOH via email and we will work with our partners at DHS to provide further assistance.

Update: QIP-NJ MLC

Data Submission Reminder

This is a reminder that the MLC data report for March is requested by **5:00 PM EST on April 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](#).

February Group Coaching Call

The February Group Coaching Call took place on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST. The topic of this session was home blood pressure monitoring. You can find the materials from the session listed below:

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

March Group Coaching Call Materials

The March Group Coaching Call took place on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST. The topics of the session were data collection, visualization, and analysis. You can find the materials from the session listed below:

- [March Group Coaching Call Slides](#)
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QIP-NJ MLC Schedule

Action Period #2	February 2023 to May 2023
April Coaching Call	April 25, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
May Coaching Call	May 30, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Action Period #3	June 2023 to September 2023
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, in May, 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. Please send any questions that you would like us to cover **by April 14th**. Team Leads should keep on the lookout for the upcoming webinar invitation. Additionally, in April, QIP-NJ will issue minor updates to Standard Reporting Template Guidance and templates to support data capture for hospital staff training measures BH12 and M10.

Spring Cleaning: QIP-NJ Contact Information

Earlier this month, QIP-NJ sent out a survey to QIP-NJ Team Leads for hospitals to review current contact information to ensure that communications are well targeted and that Tableau dashboard licenses are equitably distributed. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible.

MY 3 Databook and VSC Updates

Last month, DOH published Databook and VSC (v3.0), which is to be used for capturing MY 3 data submissions in June 2024. Earlier this month, DOH published version 2.2 of the Databook and VSC for hospitals to capture MY 2 this summer, starting in June. If hospitals have any questions/concerns, please reach out via email to QIP-NJ@pcqus.com.

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 28th at 10:00 AM EST. Meeting materials are available on the [NJMCQC website](#). Future public meeting information will be similarly 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.
- 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.