



May 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 will be using 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

DOH, in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS), is continuing to work diligently on various implementation efforts as we move closer to launching QIP-NJ on July 1, 2021. To that end, DOH is pleased to announce that on May 20, 2021, we received one-year approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for QIP-NJ and will be working closely with CMS to secure multi-year approval going forward.

Through QIP-NJ, DOH is also excited to continue to support efforts to promote systematic, statewide quality improvements in maternal and behavioral health (inclusive of both mental health and substance use disorder services), while also aligning with and furthering the goals of New Jersey (NJ) State leaders, including the Murphy Administration and the First Lady's Office,

through the Nurture NJ initiative and strategic plan, among other key policy frameworks.

DOH thanks all of its hospital and other key partners for their enthusiastic and helpful engagement relative to QIP-NJ and looks forward to a successful launch of QIP-NJ on July 1, 2021.

QIP-NJ Measurement Year 1 (MY1) Letter of Intent Reminder

This is a reminder that hospitals are required to submit a QIP-NJ MY1 Letter of Intent, which will indicate whether or not they intend to participate in QIP-NJ MY1. In confirming or declining participation, hospitals will acknowledge and agree to the set of conditions listed in the Letter of Intent materials. The Letter of Intent must be completed by an approved hospital representative and signed by the hospital Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Medical Officer (CMO), or Chief Quality Officer (CQO). While the QIP-NJ Letter of Intent is a formal indication to DOH of a hospital's intention whether or not to participate in QIP-NJ, it is not a legally binding document.

The QIP-NJ MY1 Letter of Intent materials have been posted to the [QIP-NJ Participants & Stakeholders](#) webpage. All NJ hospitals are expected to complete and submit the signed QIP-NJ MY1 Letter of Intent to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com by **5:00 pm EST on Tuesday, June 15, 2021**.

QIP-NJ Measure Specifications & Submission Guidelines (Databook) and Value Set Compendium (VSC): Now Available Online!

As announced on May 11, 2021, the final version of the [QIP-NJ Databook](#) for MY1 is now available on the [QIP-NJ Documents & Resources](#) webpage. The Databook contains the measure specifications and submission guidelines for all QIP-NJ measures. Additionally, the [QIP-NJ Databook VSC](#), which contains all value sets for both Behavioral Health (BH) and Maternal Health Measures referenced in the Databook, is available on the [QIP-NJ Documents & Resources](#) webpage.

DOH would like to thank all hospital and industry stakeholders for their feedback throughout the QIP-NJ Databook development process. If you have any questions regarding the QIP-NJ Databook and/or the VSC, please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

Databook Overview Webinar Reminder: Tuesday, May 25th from 3:00 – 4:30 pm EST

This is a reminder that the QIP-NJ Measure Specifications and Submission Guidelines (Databook) Overview webinar will be held on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm EST**. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of the Databook, measure specifications, and measure submission guidelines. Please see the webinar details below or visit the [QIP-NJ Website](#) to download the calendar invite. If you have any specific questions you would

like answered during this webinar, please email us at QIP-NJ@pcgus.com with the subject “QIP-NJ Databook Webinar Question”.

Event: QIP-NJ Measure Specifications & Submission Guidelines (Databook) Webinar
Date and Time: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:00 – 4:30 pm EST
Microsoft Teams: [Microsoft Teams Web Link](#)

Learning Collaborative Information Session #1 Materials: Now Available Online!

Thank you to all of our key partners and stakeholders who attended the QIP-NJ Learning Collaborative Information Session held on Friday, May 14th, 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 Q&A document.

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.

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).

QIP-NJ Hospital Technical Contact Forum

Thank you to all the hospitals who have responded to the request for technical contacts and submitted a designated representative as their technical contact. We have reached out to all technical contacts and will be holding the first meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2021, with these contacts to provide introductions, review forum expectations, and open for any Databook/VSC questions and concerns. 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.

Upcoming Databook/VSC Companion Resources

In the weeks following the Databook Webinar on May 25, 2021, DOH will be releasing additional resources on the [QIP-NJ Website](#) to support hospitals as they review the Databook and VSC. These materials include measure specification recordings that will review individual measures in detail and a series of live Q&A events for hospitals to ask questions regarding the measure specifications and submission processes. DOH will notify hospitals when these

resources have been released. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Databook or VSC, please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

QIP-NJ Website Updates and Contact Survey

The [QIP-NJ Website](#) has been updated to reflect the latest changes and information as we grow closer to the July 1st start date. In addition, we have updated and renamed some the webpages for greater clarity and ease of navigation. The newly named [“Documents & Resources”](#) contains QIP-NJ guidance documents, including the QIP-NJ Databook, historic QIP-NJ newsletters, and past QIP-NJ webinar materials. The [“Participants & Stakeholders”](#) contains hospital reporting materials, such as the Letter of Intent materials, the upcoming webinar schedule and details, and useful links. Lastly, the new [“Learning Collaborative”](#) page provides an overview of the behavioral health learning collaborative, including important collaborative dates and materials. Soon a new private participant portal for collaborative participants will be available and linked on this webpage.

The [QIP-NJ Contact Information and Access Request](#) form has also been posted across all pages of the QIP-NJ website in the “Contact Us” box. This form is designed to record QIP-NJ contacts from participating hospitals in order to create an accurate contact list for future QIP-NJ communications. The form also will function as a request for access form for the QIP-NJ Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), where participants can upload and download sensitive QIP-NJ data and documentation. Please fill out this form, which has been linked above, with your hospital’s designated contacts as soon as possible.

Questions?

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

Thank you,

QIP-NJ Team



