



## May 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 are now approximately six months through MY2 of QIP-NJ, which began on January 1, 2022, and will continue through December 31, 2022. DOH appreciates all of the hard work and dedication that our hospital partners have already put into MY2, and we look forward to continuing to work in close partnership throughout the entire MY.

As noted in greater detail below, DOH is pleased to announce that on May 18, 2022, DOH – in partnership with the Department of Human Services (DHS) – received final CMS approval for MY2 of QIP-NJ.

### **MY 2 CMS Approval**

On May 18, 2022, DOH, in partnership with DHS, received approval from CMS for MY2 of QIP-NJ. DOH/DHS submitted two Section 438.6(c) Preprints for QIP-NJ – one for maternal health and another for BH. The preprints describe the model for QIP-NJ as a pay-for-performance (P4P) program which will support hospitals' quality improvement strategies to better support the maternal health and BH systems of care and quality of services provided in New Jersey. Payments described under these preprints are driven by hospitals' achievement of performance targets on state-selected quality measures that demonstrate improvements in access to and connections to care for BH services and reductions in maternal morbidity. Hospitals will earn payment based on performance achievement on a suite of BH and maternal health measures each MY as described in the QIP-NJ Measure Specifications & Submission Guidelines.

As a reminder, funding within the BH incentive pool will be allocated proportionally to hospitals based on the volume of Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) individuals with BH diagnoses attributed to each hospital during the MY. Funding within the designated maternal health incentive pool will be allocated proportionally based on the volume of individuals enrolled in MMC who delivered in each hospital during the MY. The actual performance payment to each hospital will be based on the hospital's individual performance on the State-selected quality measures, calculated at the close of the MY. Performance will be measured for each hospital utilizing Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) claims data, medical record review, and/or chart-based measures. If a hospital fails to submit the necessary data to calculate performance on non-claims-based measures, the hospital will forfeit its opportunity to earn any funding under this authority. Annual targets will be set for the hospital using a "Gap-to-Goal" methodology.

Hospitals achieving their performance targets will receive funding through the Medicaid Managed Care Organization(s) (MMCO(s)) with whom their

attributed individuals are enrolled. Hospitals meeting or exceeding their individual target may be eligible to receive additional funding from the pool of undistributed funds generated by hospitals that did not meet required performance targets.

### **Now Available: QIP-NJ Contact List Update Survey**

Since it has been almost a full year since QIP-NJ's launch, DOH would like to ensure the QIP-NJ contact list is current and includes the most appropriate contacts. Please note that DOH may use the list of identified hospital leadership contacts (i.e., Chief Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officers) for outreach pertaining to other state programs and/or initiatives beyond QIP-NJ; as a result, it is imperative hospitals ensure this information is accurate. As a reminder, hospitals must update DOH on any changes to hospital leadership within 30 days of the change. Please click [here](#) to add any new hospital contacts. If you would like to remove and/or make any updates to existing contacts, reach out to [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

### **Reminder: MY1 Targets Available in the SFTP**

On April 15, 2022, DOH released the calculated the QIP-NJ MY1 targets for each hospital for both claims-based and non-claims-based measures. Each hospital's final Baseline (MY 0) and MY1 Targets are available in the DOH Submissions folder in the QIP-NJ SFTP. If you have any questions or did not receive these results, please email us at [QIP-NJ@pcgus.com](mailto:QIP-NJ@pcgus.com).

### **Coming Soon: MY1 Attribution Rosters**

DOH is working hard to finalize MY1 attribution rosters for release on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. As with the baseline period, this information will be shared with individual hospitals through the secure SFTP, so we encourage hospitals to be on the lookout for that information when it becomes available!

### **Coming Soon: MY1 Targeted Bridge Payment**

In addition to the QIP-NJ BH and Maternal Health Performance-Based Section 438.6(c) Preprints, DOH also submitted a targeted MY1 Bridge Payment 438.6(c) Preprint, for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. DOH is directing this one-time payment arrangement to help ensure that hospitals with a high Relative Medicaid Percentage (RMP) have funding for continued response and recovery resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to promote better access to care for MMC individuals in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a reminder, these payments will cover MMC inpatient bed days at acute care hospitals for the period July 1, 2021

through December 31, 2021, broken out by MMCO. DOH anticipates releasing the Bridge Payment in late July 2022. For more information, refer to the State's [QIP-NJ "Bridge" Payment Memo](#).

### **May BHLC Update**

In May, the BHLC faculty held two coaching sessions open to all participating hospitals. The theme of the coaching sessions was "Application" and each session had multiple teams prepared to share how they have applied strategies to implement changes in BH practices. The two topics were Examples of New Emergency Department Workflows and Trauma Informed Care. In June, the BHLC team will be hosting the third and final Learning Session with all hospital participants.

### **Important: QIP-NJ Dashboard Under Development and Historical DSRIP Dashboard Decommissioned**

The NJ DSRIP dashboard was decommissioned on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in anticipation of the release of the QIP-NJ dashboard. Prior to decommissioning the DSRIP Dashboard, DOH requested via email that all users log-in and save any necessary data. Any requests for NJ DSRIP data after this time will need to be sent to the QIP-NJ team via QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

In anticipation of the QIP-NJ Dashboard launching on June 1, 2022, DOH will be providing one Tableau license to each participating hospital. As requested separately via email, if you have not already done so, please identify and provide to DOH one primary and/or technical contact to receive this license. You may submit this information through the QIP-NJ@pcgus.com email.

### **Other State Initiatives**

- **Reminder: Please Complete your Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Survey by May 31, 2022** - Consistent with the State Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2021, c.133), DOH released its CY 2021 GME Survey to collect certain information pertaining to residents and fellows who completed their residency or fellowship training during CY 2021, as well as pertaining to instruction concerning prevention of opioid addiction as well as diagnosis, assessment, and treatment strategies. For questions about the content of the CY 2021 GME survey, to receive a PDF copy of the survey to review prior to responding, and/or to receive technical assistance with completing the

survey, please contact Erica Holmes via email at [Erica.Holmes@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Erica.Holmes@doh.nj.gov). The Department appreciates your time and attention in completing the CY 2021 GME Survey.

- 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 last public convening of the MCQC took place on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and the meeting agenda is available online. Please continue to 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).
- 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. Staffed with Tobacco Treatment Specialists, they offer an individualized treatment planning session, individual and group counseling, Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), and information and materials about lung cancer screening all free of charge. Quit Centers can and do play an integral role in helping clinical facilities meet their goal of advancing statewide quality improvements for BH under Measure BH8: Substance Use Screening and Intervention Composite. Currently, Inspira Quit Center and RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery (IFPR) Nicotine and Tobacco Recovery Program are actively providing screening services and connection to resources for their hospital systems. Quit Center contact information can be found here: <https://www.tobaccofreenj.com/quit-smoking>.
- 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.
- **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), 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  
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Thank you,

QIP-NJ Team

