



May 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

QIP-NJ is now approximately five months into MY 3, which began in January and will run through the end of the year. DOH continues to appreciate all 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!

Update: QIP-NJ MLC

Data Submission Reminder

This is a reminder that the MLC data report for the month of May is requested by **5:00 PM EST on Thursday, June 15, 2023**. The de-identified data that hospitals submit will be used in the MLC Action Period monthly coaching sessions. Hospital teams can submit the monthly data [here](#), and find a PDF version of the form [here](#).

May Group Coaching Call Materials

The May Group Coaching Call will take place on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, from 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST. The topic of this session is postpartum follow-up care. Hospital teams and other MLC participants can register for the session [here](#).

QIP-NJ MLC Schedule*

Action Period #2	February 2023 to August 2023
May Coaching Call	May 30, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
June Coaching Call	June 27, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 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
Action Period #3	September 2023 to October 2023
Learning Session #3	September 26 & 27 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
October Coaching Call	October 31, 2023, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Celebration Event	December 1, 2023 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

* Please note that all times are EST.

MY 2 Data Submission Webinar Feedback and Updated Guidance

Thank you to the numerous hospital teams and other individuals who attended the MY 2 Data Submission Best Practices Webinar and Guidance session. During the session, the QIP-NJ Team covered key updates for MY 2 reporting and took questions. As a follow-up, we sent a brief three-question poll to QIP-NJ Program Leads to refine the reporting requirements for measures M7 and M10/BH12. Based on feedback from participating hospital teams and their partners, QIP-NJ is making the following adjustments for MY 2 reporting:

- M7: Simplified reporting requirements for First Line Agent (FLA) administration for numerator-eligibility. Hospitals will be able to report which of the approved FLAs was used and will not need to consult the list of NDC codes in the VSC nor FDA website
- M10/BH12: Refined denominator data variable requirements
 - ‘Gender’ and ‘Date of Birth’ are no longer required
 - Instead, ‘EmployeeID’ or a unique trackable employee-specific ID are required

Additionally, the QIP-NJ Team has made already approved updates/clarifications regarding the following:

- M3/BH7: As approved during QMC 8, screening tools and response options have been updated
- BH7: the exclusion criteria have been clarified
- M6: A number of procedure codes will be enabled to identify denominator-eligibility individuals

As a result, QIP-NJ will be posting Standard Reporting Template (SRT) v2.3, SRT Guide v2.3, and Databook v2.3 with track changes capturing these updates to the [QIP-NJ website](#) early next week, along with updated slides from the May 10, 2023 webinar.

The QIP-NJ Team expects that the non-claims-based data submission window will open early next month, with submissions due approximately August 1, 2023 or two months after the release of attribution rosters, whichever is later.

MY 2 Attribution Reports

Hospitals can expect to receive MY 2 Attribution Reports early next week as well. As reviewed at the MY 2 Data Submission Webinar, and as described in greater detail in the QIP-NJ Governing Document, these retrospective reports are used to assign Medicaid Managed Care enrolled individuals to each hospital for inclusion in performance calculation.

Allow-listing Mailchimp for QIP-NJ Communications

The QIP-NJ team has recently started using Mailchimp for QIP-NJ outreach—which will enable more targeted communications to participating hospitals' stakeholders. While most of our participating hospitals have been able to receive QIP-NJ emails, some have not due to firewall rules. Please note that Mailchimp is being used only for cohort-wide QIP-NJ communications. To that end, individual, hospital-specific communications that contain sensitive information (such as Protected Health Information) will continue to be provided via direct emails or the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) site, as appropriate.

The QIP-NJ team has begun reaching out to hospitals that have not opened recent communications to request that affected hospitals work with their IT/security teams to “allowlist” (aka “whitelist”) communications that are sent from QIP-NJ via Mailchimp. More information about this process can be found [here](#).

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. Meeting materials are available on the [NJMCQC website](#). The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Additional information will be 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.