

**DATE:** September 16, 2025

## **QIP POLICY LETTER 25-003**

**TO:** ALL QUALITY INCENTIVE POOL (QIP) ENTITIES

**SUBJECT:** REPORTING UPDATE TO Q-BCS-E: \*BREAST CANCER SCREENING (BCS-E) FOR CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2025

### **PURPOSE:**

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs QIP entities of a reporting update to the Priority Measure\*, Q-BCS-E: \*Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E), for CY2025.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The QIP program is authorized by the Welfare and Institutions Code section 14197.4(c). On January 15, 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the one-year QIP preprints for the Designated Public Hospitals (DPHs) and District Municipal Public Hospitals (DMPHs) for CY2025.

To maintain alignment with current clinical guidelines and quality measurement standards, the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) specifications are updated annually. As such, QIP entities are required to adjust their reporting practices accordingly to ensure alignment with both state and federal programs.

### **POLICY:**

Effective for CY2025 reporting and consistent with the HEDIS Measurement Year (MY) 2025 BCS-E Technical Specification update, which expands the eligible age range for breast cancer screening from 50-74 to 40-74 years, QIP entities are required to report **three (3) separate rates** as follows:

- **Ages 40-49:**  
*Informational reporting only*
- **Ages 50-74\*\*:**  
*Pay-for-Performance (P4P) reporting, using the current benchmark*
- **Ages 40-74 (Total):**  
*Informational reporting only*

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**\*\*For informational race/ethnicity stratification purposes, the Ages 50-74 P4P rate's data must continue to be stratified.**

Please contact your QIP liaison or email the QIP Mailbox at [qip@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:qip@dhcs.ca.gov) if there are any questions concerning this QPL.

Sincerely,

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