

**DATE:** June 5, 2024

**QIP POLICY LETTER 24-006**

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

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE TO PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 7 REPORTING

**PURPOSE:**

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs QIP entities of the following update:

- 1. Q-DSF-E: Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults**

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 27, 2023, CMS approved the revised PY4-PY6 preprint for DPH and DMPH. The QIP program is authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14197.4(c). On December 26, 2023, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) submitted the Designated Public Hospital (DPH) and District/Municipal Public Hospital (DMPH) a one-year QIP preprint for PY7 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. Preprints for both DPHs and DMPHs are currently pending CMS approval. PY7 Reporting Manual was released on December 15, 2023 for DPHs and January 3, 2024 for DMPHs. Reporting requirements related to PY7, as well as additional clarifications and modifications to reporting since the release of the manual, are outlined in this policy letter to provide further guidance to QIP entities for reporting their QIP PY7 performance data. The deadline for PY7 report is on June 16, 2025.

**POLICY:**

**1. Q-DSF-E: Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults**

Q-DSF-E, formerly Q-CMS2: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan, is a Priority Measure that will not have benchmarks available until the third quarter of the measurement year 2024. Therefore, entities must report Q-CMS2 using the existing PY6 measure specification (Target Population D) and PY6 benchmarks for PY7.

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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