

DATE: July 1, 2024

QIP POLICY LETTER 24-008

TO: ALL QIP ENTITIES

SUBJECT: QIP PY6 and PY7 Audit Update

PURPOSE:

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs QIP entities on Performance Measure Validation (PMV) in PY 6 and PY 7.

BACKGROUND:

On July 1, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) implemented a managed care directed payment program, the Quality Incentive Pool (QIP) program. QIP advances the state's goal of enhancing quality in DHCS programs by incentivizing Designated Public Hospital (DPHs) and District and Municipal Public Hospitals (DMPHs) to expand Medi-Cal members' access to preventive services, screenings, and wellness programs. Annual QIP payments to public hospitals worth over \$1 billion are based on meeting important clinical quality benchmarks which is verified by an external data auditor, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), to ensure accuracy and completeness of the reported data and to provide technical support to participating public hospitals to improve data processes for future reporting.

POLICY:

In PY6, spanning from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and in PY7, which spans from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, DHCS will require that fifty percent of QIP participating entities undergo PMV audit activities for PY6 data and the remaining fifty percent undergo PMV audit activities for PY7 data. The reason for this is a fixed DHCS budget for auditing activities which does not cover the cost of auditing of PY6 and PY7 data for all hospitals. PMV activities are designed to assess the accuracy of performance measures data reported by each QIP entity, to determine the extent to which reported data and calculations align with the QIP measure specifications and reporting requirements. DHCS will review data submissions, according to usual reporting process, for all hospitals regardless of the above PMV audit changes.

The entities that are listed below will participate in PY6 and PY7 audit.

PY6 Participating Entities (Reporting Year 2024)

Designated Public Hospitals/Health Systems

- » Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- » Kern Medical
- » Natividad Medical Center
- » UC Davis Health
- » UC Irvine Health
- » UC Los Angeles Health
- » UC San Diego Health
- » UC San Francisco Health

District Municipal Public Hospitals

- » Antelope Valley Medical Center
- » Eastern Plumas Health Care
- » Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (Jerold Phelps Community Hospital)
- » Kaweah Health
- » Kern Valley Healthcare District
- » Mayers Memorial Hospital District
- » Modoc Medical Center
- » Northern Inyo Hospital
- » Oak Valley Hospital District
- » Plumas District Hospital
- » Sonoma Valley Hospital
- » Southern Inyo Healthcare District
- » Surprise Valley Health Care District
- » Tri-City Medical Center

- » Trinity Hospital (Mountain Communities Healthcare District)

PY7 Participating Entities (Reporting Year 2025)

Designated Public Hospitals/Health Systems

- » Alameda Health System
- » Contra Costa Health Services
- » Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
- » Riverside University Health System
- » San Francisco Health Network
- » San Joaquin General Hospital/ San Joaquin County Clinic
- » San Mateo Medical Center
- » Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
- » Ventura County Medical Center

District Municipal Public Hospitals

- » Bear Valley Community Hospital
- » El Camino Health
- » El Centro Regional Medical Center
- » Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital
- » John C. Fremont Healthcare District
- » Lompoc Valley Medical Center
- » Mammoth Hospital
- » Marin Health
- » Mountains Community Hospital, Lake Arrowhead
- » Palo Verde Hospital
- » Palomar Health
- » Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District
- » Salinas Valley Health
- » San Geronio Memorial Hospital

- » Seneca Healthcare District
- » Sierra View Medical Center
- » Tahoe Forest Hospital District
- » Washington Hospital Healthcare System

Please contact your QIP Liaison or email the QIP Mailbox at gip@dhcs.ca.gov if there are any questions concerning this QPL.

Sincerely,

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