

DATE: October 24, 2025

QIP POLICY LETTER 25-005

TO: ALL QUALITY INCENTIVE POOL (QIP) ENTITIES

SUBJECT: CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2025 REPORTING UPDATE TO Q-DSF-E:
*DEPRESSION SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP FOR ADOLESCENTS
AND ADULTS (DSF-E)

PURPOSE:

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs QIP entities of a reporting update to the Priority Measure, Q-DSF-E: *Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-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 and Municipal Public Hospitals (DMPHs) for CY2025.

POLICY:

To maintain alignment with the draft version of Medi-Cal Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) reporting of DSF-E for Measurement Year (MY) 2026, which only the **Depression Screening** rate is held to the Minimum Performance Level (MPL), QIP entities are required to report the **two (2) sub-rates** for CY2025 as follows:

- **Depression Screening**:**
Pay-for-Performance (P4P) reporting
- **Follow-Up on Positive Screen:**
Informational reporting only

** For the **Depression Screening** P4P rate, QIP entities must stratify the race/ethnicity data for informational purposes.

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

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