



**Clarifications, Technical Corrections, and Policy Changes
to the Performance Assessment Methodology Manual for the
MassHealth ACO Quality and Equity Incentives Program
Performance Years 3-5**

This document outlines clarifications, technical corrections, and policy changes to the Performance Assessment Methodology (PAM) Manual for Performance Year 3-5 (PY3-5) of the MassHealth ACO Quality and Equity Incentives Program (AQEIP). Updates are incorporated into the change log table below.

MassHealth's working definitions for clarification, technical correction and policy changes are as follows:

Clarification is additional information that explains an existing requirement.

Technical Correction is a change made to rectify an error in the PAM Manual.

Policy Update is a modification of an existing requirement.

Section Header	Page #	Type of Update	Update	Update release date
Individual Measure Scoring Approaches	3	Clarification	Clarified that bonus points are applied to the domain score.	6/20/25
Measure Assessment Overview & Scoring	5	Technical Correction	Removed notes that an ACO will earn 0 points if “both threshold and improvement target are not met” and that “partial points may not be earned in PY3 or PY4 if the improvement target is not met...” [see “Interaction of Attainment Threshold, Performance Goal, and Improvement Threshold” Section for more information on earning partial improvement points].	6/20/25
Measure Assessment Overview & Scoring	6	Clarification	Moved the DCC Measure partial improvement points example to Appendix B.	6/20/25
Interaction of Attainment Threshold, Performance Goal, & Improvement Threshold	6	Clarification	Clarified the language regarding how ACOs can earn partial improvement points when the performance goal is not met but attainment threshold and/or improvement targets are met or not met. Added reference to a new Appendix A that provides a flowchart outlining how points are earned in PY3-5.	6/20/25

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Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	13	Technical Correction	Updated anticipated timing of Disparities Reduction PAM to Summer 2025.	6/20/25
Measure Scoring	16	Clarification	Clarified that sub-measures will be weighted as outlined in Tables 3 and 4.	6/20/25
Appendix A	18	Clarification	Added a flowchart outlining how points can be earned in PY3-5, for clarity.	6/20/25
Appendix B	19	Clarification	Moved DCC example from “Measure Assessment Overview & Scoring” example to Appendix B.	6/20/25