

# **Clarifications, Technical Corrections, and Policy Changes**

# **to the Technical Specifications for the**

# **MassHealth ACO Quality and Equity Incentives Program**

# **Performance Years 3-5**

This document outlines clarifications, technical corrections, and policy changes to the Technical Specifications 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 technical specification.

**Policy Update** is a modification of an existing requirement.

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| HRSN Screening | 50 | Clarification | Administrative Specification | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA.” | 6/13/25 |
| HRSN Screening | 54 | Technical Correction | Administrative Data Reporting Requirements | Added ICD-10 Code Z58.6 (Inadequate drinking-water supply) to *Inadequate Housing.* | 6/13/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 59 | Technical Correction | Administrative Specification | Removed “30 day follow up” from FUM, FUA, and FUH (to align with Quality measure reporting). | 6/13/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 60 | Clarification | Additional Measure Information | Clarified acceptable use of imputed data in the stratified reports. | 6/13/25 |
| Language Access | 66 | Clarification | Measure Summary | Clarified Component 2, changing “either interpreter services or in language services” to “language assistance services.” | 6/13/25 |
| Language Access | 67 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA.” | 6/13/25 |
| Language Access | 68 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Clarified Step 2 of “Event/Diagnosis,” adding “language services documentation system (e.g., vendor logs)” as an acceptable source for preferred spoken language other than English data. | 6/13/25 |
| Language Access | 70 | Clarification | Administrative Specification | Clarified Component 2 description and numerator, changing “either interpreter services or in language services” to “language assistance services.” | 6/13/25 |
| Language Access | 70 | Clarification | Administrative Specification | For Component 2 Numerator, addition of “language services documentation system (e.g., vendor logs)” as an acceptable source of documentation for language assistance services provided. | 6/13/25 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 79 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA.” | 6/13/25 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 80 | Technical Correction | Definitions | Revised ages for each of the six questions to align with the ages listed in the RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Disability Data Completeness measure (under Eligible Population). | 6/13/25 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 80, 81 | Clarification | Definitions | Added definition for “Covered Individual with Eligibility for MassHealth on the Basis of a Disability.” | 6/13/25 |
| HRSN Screening | 55 | Clarification | PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment | Clarified that the data submission due date is applicable to all data submitted by the ACO (administrative and supplemental, as applicable). | 3/14/25 |
| HRSN Screening | 56 | Clarification | PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment | Added language about audit expectations. | 3/14/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 58 | Policy Update | Administrative Specification | Removed reference to selection of alternative measures (given ACOs may select any measure from their Quality Slate). | 3/14/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 58 | Clarification | Administrative Specification | Clarified that MassHealth may request member-level data. | 3/14/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 59 | Policy Update | Administrative Specification | Expanded the full list of measures eligible for disparities reduction to include the entire MassHealth ACO Quality Slate and removed option to select alternative measures. | 3/14/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 60 | Clarification | Additional Measure Information | Clarified that the Race & Ethnicity standards for stratification apply to the PY3 Measure Assessment Report. | 3/14/25 |
| Language Access | 71, 72 | Clarification | PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment | Added language about audit expectations. | 3/14/25 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 84 | Clarification | Reporting Method | Added language about audit expectations for PY3. | 3/14/25 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 85 | Clarification | PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment | Added language about audit expectations for PY4-5. | 3/14/25 |