



**Clarifications, Technical Corrections, and Policy Changes
to the Technical Specifications for the
MassHealth Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital 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 (PY3-5) of the MassHealth Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital Quality and Equity Incentives Program (CHA-HQEIP). 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.

Measure Name	Page #	Type of Update	Section Header	Update	Update release date
N/A	4	Clarification	Introduction	Added language on audit process for the HQEIP	2/28/25
Health-Related Social Needs Screening	79	Clarification	Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5	Audit of data submitted for Rate 1 and Rate 2	2/28/25
Meaningful Access to Healthcare Services for Individuals with a Preferred Language other than English	95-96	Clarification	Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5	Revised audit language from MassHealth "reserves" the right to "expects" to audit data submitted for Component 2; moved this language from <i>Reporting Methods</i> section to the <i>Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5</i> section	2/28/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	106	Technical Correction	Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5	Corrected the date in the examples from March 31 to June 30	2/28/25
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Health-Related Social Needs Screening (Ambulatory)	124	Clarification	Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5	Audit of data submitted for Rate 1 and Rate 2	2/28/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Race Data Completeness	6	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Hispanic Data Completeness	15	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Preferred Language Data Completeness	24	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Disability Data Completeness	37	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Sexual Orientation Data Completeness	52	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Gender Identity Data Completeness	60	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	71	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	73	Technical Correction	Administrative Specification—Rate 1	Modified the denominator description, specifying denominators for inpatient/observation stay and emergency department rates	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	75	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs Screening		Technical Correction	Administrative Data Reporting Requirements--Inadequate Housing	Added Z58.6 (Inadequate drinking-water supply) to <i>Inadequate Housing</i>	5/19/25

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Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	83-84	Policy Update	Table 1	Added the following quality measures to the slate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCQA: Follow-up After ED Visit for Mental Illness (7 and 30 Day) • SUB-3: Alcohol & Other Drug Use Disorder – Treatment provided/offered at discharge 	5/19/25
Meaningful Access to Healthcare Services for Individuals with a Preferred Language other than English	92-93	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Meaningful Access to Healthcare Services for Individuals with a Preferred Language other than English	93 & 95	Clarification	Eligible Population and Administrative Specifications	Addition of “language services documentation system (e.g., vendor logs)” as an acceptable source of documentation	5/19/25
Meaningful Access to Healthcare Services for Individuals with a Preferred Language other than English	95	Technical Correction	Administrative Specification—Component 2	Modified the denominator description, specifying denominators for inpatient/observation stay and emergency department rates	5/19/25
Disability Competent Care	101	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Addition of “Other” that provides clarification on MassHealth expectations for hospitals choosing to change their targeted DCC training area and/or targeted patient-facing staff	5/19/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	105-106	Technical Correction	Definition—Patient with Self-reported Disability	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)	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	121	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Removed “pending” and replaced with “ <i>with</i> permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs Screening	125	Technical Correction	Administrative Data Reporting Requirements--Inadequate Housing	Added Z58.6 (Inadequate drinking-water supply) to <i>Inadequate Housing</i>	5/19/25

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