

# **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.

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| **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 *Reporting Methods* section to the *Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5* 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 |
| Disability Accommodation Needs | 106 | Clarification | Measure Requirement and Assessment: 3-5 | Revised audit language from MassHealth “reserves” the right to “expects” to audit data submitted for Rate 1 and Rate 2 | 2/28/25 |
| 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 “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Hispanic Data Completeness | 15 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Preferred Language Data Completeness | 24 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Disability Data Completeness | 37 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Sexual Orientation Data Completeness | 52 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Gender Identity Data Completeness | 60 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* permission from NCQA” | 5/19/25 |
| Health-Related Social Needs | 71 | Clarification | Eligible Population | Removed “pending” and replaced with “*with* 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 “*with* 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 *Inadequate Housing* | 5/19/25 |
| Quality Performance Disparities Reduction | 83-84 | Policy Update | Table 1 | Added the following quality measures to the slate:   * 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 “*with* 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 “*with* 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 *Inadequate Housing* | 5/19/25 |
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