



MEMORANDUM TO: MCEs

FROM: MassHealth Office of Health Equity

DATE: 10/28/2025

SUBJECT: MassHealth Guidance: Data Sharing & Reporting Sources

In accordance with applicable Quality and Equity Incentive Program (QEIP) [Technical Specifications and Implementation Plans](#), entities may not supplement their RELD SOGI data (within the “Member Data and Member Enrollment” Monthly Data File Submissions to MassHealth) with MassHealth shared values for the purposes of data completeness reporting (including data shared from the 834 and ACO/MCO Monthly reports).

Relevant RELD SOGI Data Completeness Measure Language

- **Measure Summary > Description:** The percentage of <ACO/MCO/MBHP> attributed members with self-reported <element> data that was collected by an <ACO/MCO/MBHP> in the measurement year.
- **Additional Measure Information > Data Collection:**
 - For the purposes of this measure, <data element> data must be self-reported. <Data element> data that are derived using an imputation methodology do not contribute to completeness for this measure.
 - Self-reported <data element> data may be collected:
 - By any modality that allows the patient (or a person legally authorized to respond on the patient’s behalf, such as a parent or legal guardian) to self-report race (e.g. over the phone, electronically (e.g. a patient portal), in person, by mail, etc.);
 - By any entity interacting with the member (e.g. health plan, ACO, provider, staff)
 - Must include one or more values in Attachment <data element> attachment ID.
- **Definitions > Self-Reported data:** For the purposes of this measure specification, data are defined as self-reported if it has been provided by either: (a) the individual, or (b) a person who can act on the individual’s behalf (e.g., parent, spouse, authorized representative, guardian, conservator, holder of power of attorney, or health-care proxy). Self-reported <element> data that has been rolled-up or transformed for reporting purposes may be included.

Relevant PY3-5 Performance Requirements and Assessment Language

- PY3/4 - Within the data file submission, the date the value is updated (“Update Date”) or verified (“Verification Date”) associated with each RELDSOGI data element may be submitted but is not required.
- PY5 - Within the data file submission, the date the value is updated (“Update Date”) and/or verified (“Verification Date”) associated with each RELDSOGI data element must be submitted.

Guidance Summary

Entities may not supplement their data with MassHealth shared values for the purposes of RELD SOGI data completeness reporting.

Important Notes

- *MassHealth shared reports (including 834 and ACO/MCO monthly) do not include timestamps for data collection or verification.*
- *If an entity verifies the member data shared by MassHealth within the measurement year, that data is considered self-reported and may be submitted for data completeness measure calculations.*

For questions, please reach out to the MassHealth Health Equity team at Health.Equity@mass.gov.