



**Clarifications, Technical Corrections, and Policy Changes
to the Technical Specifications for the
MassHealth MCO Quality and Equity Incentives Program
Performance Years 3-5**

This document outlines clarifications, technical corrections, and policy changes to the Technical Specifications for Performance Years 3-5 (PY3-5) of the MassHealth MCO Quality and Equity Incentives Program (MQEIP). 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
HRSN Screening	50	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Removed "pending" and replaced with " <i>with</i> permission from NCQA."	6/13/25
HRSN Screening	53	Technical Correction	Administrative Data Reporting Requirements	Added ICD-10 Code Z58.6 (Inadequate drinking-water supply) to <i>Inadequate Housing</i> .	6/13/25
Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	58	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	58, 59	Clarification	Additional Measure Information	Clarified acceptable use of imputed data in the stratified reports.	6/13/25
Language Access	60	Clarification	Measure Summary	Clarified Component 2, changing "either interpreter services or in language services" to "language assistance services."	6/13/25
Language Access	61	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed "pending" and replaced with " <i>with</i> permission from NCQA."	6/13/25
Language Access	63, 64	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Clarified Component 2 description and numerator, changing "either interpreter services or in language	6/13/25

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				services” to “language assistance services.”	
Language Access	64	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	73	Technical Correction	Eligible Population	Removed Note in “Events” row. Not applicable as MassHealth will identify the eligible population and provide a sample.	6/13/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	73	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA.”	6/13/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	74	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	74	Clarification	Definitions	Added definition for “Covered Individual with Eligibility for MassHealth on the Basis of a Disability.”	6/13/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	77, 78	Policy Update	Reporting Method	Changed Reporting Method for Element 2 in which MassHealth provides a sample for which the MCO is required to report.	6/13/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	78-80	Technical Correction	PY3-5 Performance Requirements and Assessments	Changed due date for Reporting Element 2. In PY3: from ‘June 30, 2026’ to ‘September 1, 2026.’ In PY4-5: from ‘June 30 following the PY’ to ‘September 1 following the PY.’	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 MCO (administrative and supplemental, as applicable).	3/14/25
HRSN Screening	55	Clarification	PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment	Added language about audit expectations.	3/14/25

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Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	57	Policy Update	Administrative Specification	Removed reference to selection of alternative measures (given MCOs may select any measure from their Quality Slate).	3/14/25
Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	57	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Clarified that MassHealth may request member-level data.	3/14/25
Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	58	Policy Update	Administrative Specification	Expanded the full list of measures eligible for disparities reduction to include the entire MassHealth MCO Quality Slate and removed option to select alternative measures.	3/14/25
Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	58	Clarification	Additional Measure Information	Clarified that the Race & Ethnicity standards for stratification apply to the PY3 Measure Assessment Report.	3/14/25
Language Access	65	Clarification	PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment	Added language about audit expectations.	3/14/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	78	Clarification	Reporting Method	Added language about audit expectations for PY3.	3/14/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	79	Clarification	PY3-5 Performance Requirements & Assessment	Added language about audit expectations for PY4-5.	3/14/25