



**Clarifications, Technical Corrections, and Policy Changes
to the Technical Specifications for the
MassHealth Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital Quality and Equity Incentives Program
Performance Year 2**

This document outlines clarifications, technical corrections, and policy changes to the Technical Specifications for Performance Year (PY2) 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
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	14	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Preferred Language Data Completeness	22	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Disability Data Completeness	34	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25

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RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Sexual Orientation Data Completeness	48	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Gender Identity Data Completeness	56	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	65	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Health-Related Social Needs	67	Clarification	Administrative Specification	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	85	Clarification	Eligible Population	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
Disability Accommodation Needs	96	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
Meaningful Access to Healthcare Services for Individuals with a Preferred Language other than English	85 & 87	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
Health-Related Social Needs (Ambulatory)	111	Clarification	Administrative Specification	Removed “pending” and replaced with “with permission from NCQA”	5/19/25
RELD SOGI Data Completeness – Disability Data Completeness	36 & 37	Technical Correction	Administrative Specification— Numerator Set	Revised ages for each of the six questions to align with the ages listed under Eligible Population	7/2/25

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Equity Improvement Interventions	81 & 82	Technical Correction	Performance Requirements and Assessment	Revised information to reflect only PY2 submission requirements	7/2/25
Health-Related Social Needs (Ambulatory)	108	Clarification	Measure Summary	Edited the description of the measures to clarify percentage of encounters	7/2/25
Health-Related Social Needs (Ambulatory)	111	Clarification	Administrative Specification—Numerator	Clarified patients may be screened in other settings than Primary Care within the measurement year	7/2/25
Equity Improvement Intervention (Ambulatory)	124	Technical Correction	Performance Requirements and Assessment	Added information on report scoring, which was previously provided to CHA through report deliverables	7/2/25
Community Collaboration Equity Improvement Intervention (Ambulatory)	127	Technical Correction	Performance Requirements and Assessment	Added information on report scoring, which was previously provided to CHA through report deliverables	7/2/25

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