



EOHHS Hospital Quality and Equity Incentive Program (HQEIP)

Performance Year 1 (PY1) Deliverable:

Achievement of External Standards for Health Equity

Context:

The Joint Commission introduced new and revised requirements to reduce health care disparities for organizations participating in its hospital accreditation program (effective January 1, 2023). The new accreditation standards aim to reduce health care disparities as a quality and safety priority. These standards are intended to serve as a foundation for future work to address health care disparities, specifically through The Joint Commission's planned Health Care Equity (HCE) Certification, which will build on the equity-focused Accreditation standards to recognize organizations that go above and beyond to provide high quality and equitable care. Hospitals are expected to demonstrate to EOHHS the initiation of the HCE Certification process with TJC by the end of Performance Year 2 (Calendar Year 2024).

Instructions:

This HQEIP The Joint Commission (TJC) Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards Report is to be completed by the Hospitals and submitted to EOHHS **by December 31, 2023 via OnBase with the document name: HospitalAbbreviation_TJC-HCE-Report_MMDDYYYY**.

If Hospital has received a letter from TJC confirming compliance with the Health Care Equity standards, the letter may be attached as an appendix to this report.

Please send any questions to the MassHealth Health Equity Team at Health.Equity@mass.gov.

The Joint Commission (TJC) Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards Report

This Hospital Quality and Equity Incentive Program (HQEIP) The Joint Commission (TJC) Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards Report requests that Hospitals have completed TJC surveys for health care equity accreditation standards (specifically, 6 new elements of performance in the Leadership (LD) chapter, Standard LD.04.03.08.).

- Currently accredited Hospitals & due for triennial surveying in 2023: may meet the requirement through inclusion of the health care equity standards in their scheduled survey
- TJC-accredited Hospitals not due for triennial surveying in 2023: must participate in a “standalone” health care equity survey by December 31, 2023
- Hospitals not currently accredited by TJC: must participate in a “standalone” health care equity survey by December 31, 2023

Further, TJC remediation must be complete by April 30, 2024, to receive credit for the measure, and Hospitals must report their intention to EOHHS to meet this deadline.

Section 1: Acute Hospital Information

Name of the Acute Hospital:

Name and email address of individual(s) submitting this assessment:

Section 2: The Joint Commission (TJC) Accreditation

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Is the Hospital currently accredited by TJC and due for triennial surveying in 2023?
☐ No (go to Q2)
☐ Yes
 - a. If yes, does the Hospital intend to achieve TJC Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards by including the health care equity standards in the 2023 scheduled survey by December 31, 2023?
☐ Yes (go to Q4)
☐ No
2. Is the Hospital currently accredited by TJC but not due for triennial surveying in 2023?
☐ No (go to Q3)
☐ Yes
 - a. If yes, does the Hospital intend to achieve TJC Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards by participating in a “standalone” health care equity survey by December 31, 2023?
☐ Yes (go to Q4)
☐ No
3. Is the Hospital not currently accredited by TJC?
☐ No
☐ Yes
 - a. If yes, does the Hospital intend to achieve TJC Health Care Equity Accreditation Standards by participating in a “standalone” health care equity survey by December 31, 2023?
☐ Yes (go to Q4)
☐ No
4. If TJC warrants remediation, does the Hospital intend to complete any remediation action(s) by April 30, 2024?
☐ Yes
☐ No