

Selection of Performance Improvement Project for 2022 EQR – Revised Draft

BHDDA received assistance from the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) and Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) in selecting a new topic for the External Quality Review (EQR) performance improvement project for 2022.

HSAG’s and QIC’s recommendation for an area of focus is on racial and ethnic disparities given that MDHHS and the State of Michigan have a strong focus on this topic. The disparity-focused topic is very relevant to MDHHS’s overall quality strategies and initiatives. One of the core goals of MDHHS’s Comprehensive Quality Strategy is to “Reduce racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare and health outcomes.”

The QIC and HSAG recommend that within this umbrella topic of reduction of racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare and health outcomes, the PIHPs conduct a Performance Improvement Project that includes identification of a measure or performance area where there is a disparity, and focus on efforts to eliminate those disparities.

QIC members noted that an alternative PIP topic should be available for PIHPs with homogenous region-wide populations as the proportion of beneficiaries who belong to racial and ethnic minorities might not be sufficient for meaningful analysis and intervention. QIC members recommended two alternative topics for these PIHPs:

QIC members noted that in addition to race and ethnicity, the Comprehensive Quality Strategy also supports addressing health disparities based on characteristics such as gender, age, primary language, disability, geographic location, or income level. QIC proposed the alternative topic of reducing health disparities among other identifiable populations with poor health outcomes or access issues.

As a second alternative topic, the QIC also recommended improvement in consumer engagement with a focus on retaining beneficiaries in treatment and services.

From a choice of three time-line options, QIC selected the timeline shown below which requires baseline data for the June 2022 PIP submission and a gap, intervention year between the baseline and remeasurements years.

Intervention Year/Data Collection Gap Year: The PIHPs would submit the project design and baseline data for the first year, the June 2022 submission. For the subsequent, June 2023, submission the PIHPs must report planned/implemented QI strategies. Remeasurement 1 would be reported in the June 2024 submission, reflective of CY 2023 data.

Data/Info Obtained	Measurement Period	PIP Submission Date
PIP Design and Baseline data (Steps I through VII)	CY 2021	June 2022
Intervention Year (Progress to Step VIII)	CY 2022 (No remeasurement data reported)	June 2023
Remeasurement 1 (includes QI activities) (Update Steps VII and VIII)	CY 2023	June 2024
Remeasurement 2 (Update Steps VII and VIII)	CY 2024	June 2025



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