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To: Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) contracted to offer services under the Government Health Plan Program (the "Plan Vital" program): Triple S Salud (Triple S), First Medical Health Plan (FMHP), MMM Multi Health (MMM), and Plan de Salud Menonita (PSM)

Re: QUALITY METRICS 2021: Adult and Child Core Measure Sets

The following quality measures have been added as an MCO requirement for reporting based on the 2021 Adult & Children Medicaid and CHIP Core Set established by CMS. Each year you may notice that the quality metrics that we will be including will be changing and will be geared towards compliance with the metrics that CMS and various entities such as AHRQ, NCQA, OPA, ADA, among others have been working on and that will be mandatory in 2024.

**ASES is requiring these measures to be reported for 2021 Measurement Year (MY) (January 1, 2021–December 31, 2021) to allow for review, and analysis to be fully ready for 2024. The first Adult & Child Core Measure Set will be due from the MCOs by July 2022 for MY2021 Adult and Child Core Measures.**

**Excluded Measures for 2021 MY Adult & Child Core Measure Reporting**

Three measures that are included in the 2021 CMS Adult & Child Core Sets will be retired by CMS for the 2022 Core Sets. As these measures are being retired in 2022, ASES is not requiring these measures for the 2021 MY data (submission due July 2022), they are:

1. Elective Delivery (PC01-AD)
2. Audiological Diagnosis No Later than 3 Months of Age (AUD-CH)
3. Percentage of Eligible who Received Preventative Dental Services (PDENT-CH)

The Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration will be reporting the following measures corresponding to year 2021 to CMS. The tables below ([2021 Adult Core Set](#) & [2021 Child Core Set](#)) include cells that shows the domain for each group of measures with cells that include the measure steward the National Quality Foundation (NQF) number if applicable, and the method of collection as defined by CMS. Please note that the measurement period/MY is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with MCO reporting due July 2022. Additional details will be outlined in the Plan Vital Reporting Guide, Report 26 - CMS Adult & Child Core Measures.

[Link to the 2021 CMS Adult Core Measure Set](#)

[Link to the 2021 CMS Child Core Measure Set](#)

[Link to CMS reporting resources for the Adult Core Measure Sets](#)

[Link to CMS reporting resources for the Child Core Measure Sets](#)

2021 Adult CMS Core Measure Set

NQF #	Measure Steward	Quality Measures (Adult and Child Core and CMS MAC Scorecard Measures)	Domain
0032	NCQA	Cervical Cancer Screening	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0033	NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 21–24	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0039	NCQA	Flu Vaccinations for Adults Ages 18–64	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0418/ 0418e	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan: Age 18 and Older	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
2372	NCQA	Breast Cancer Screening	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
1517*	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care	Maternal and Perinatal Health
2902	OPA	Contraceptive Care-Postpartum Women Ages 21–44	Maternal and Perinatal Health
2903/ 2904	OPA	Contraceptive Care – All Women Ages 21–44	Maternal and Perinatal Health
0018	NCQA	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0059	NCQA	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: HbA1c Poor Control (>9%)	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0272	AHRQ	PQI 01: Diabetes Short Term Complications Admission Rate	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0275	AHRQ	PQI 05: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0277	AHRQ	PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0283	AHRQ	PQI 15: Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
1768	NCQA	Plan All Cause Readmissions	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
1800	NCQA	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 19–64	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
2082/ 3210e	HRSA	HIV Viral Load Suppression	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0004	NCQA	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment	Behavioral Health Care
0027	NCQA	Medical Assistance with Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation	Behavioral Health Care
0105	NCQA	Anti-depressant Medication Management	Behavioral Health Care
0576	NCQA	Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Ages 18 and Older	Behavioral Health Care

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NQF #	Measure Steward	Quality Measures (Adult and Child Core and CMS MAC Scorecard Measures)	Domain
1932	NCQA	Diabetes Screening for People with Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Who are Using Anti-psychotic Medications	Behavioral Health Care
2607	NCQA	Diabetes Care for People with SMI: HbA1c Poor Control (>9%)	Behavioral Health Care
2940	PQA	Use of Opioids at High Dosage in Persons Without Cancer	Behavioral Health Care
3389	PQA	Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines	Behavioral Health Care
3400	CMS	Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Disorder	Behavioral Health Care
3488	NCQA	Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence	Behavioral Health Care
3489	NCQA	Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness	Behavioral Health Care
NA	NCQA	Adherence to Anti-psychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	Behavioral Health Care
0006	AHRQ	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems: CAHPS Health Plan Survey	Experience of Care
NA	CMS	Adult Emergency Department Visits	TBD

2021 Child CMS Core Measure Set			
NQF #	Measure Steward	Quality Measures (Adult and Child Core and CMS MAC Scorecard Measures)	Domain
0024	NCQA	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0033	NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 16–20	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0038	NCQA	Childhood Immunization Status	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
0418/ 0418e	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan: Ages 12–17	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
1392	NCQA	Well-Child Visits First 30 Months of Life	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
1407	NCQA	Immunizations for Adolescents	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care

2021 Child CMS Core Measure Set			
NQF #	Measure Steward	Quality Measures (Adult and Child Core and CMS MAC Scorecard Measures)	Domain
1448	OHSU	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
1516	NCQA	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits	Primary Care and Access to Preventative Care
1382	CDC	Live Births Weighing Less Than 2500 grams	Maternal and Perinatal Health
1517*	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care	Maternal and Perinatal Health
2902	OPA	Contraceptive Care- Postpartum Women ages 15–20 who had a live birth: 1. Most effective or moderately effective contraception 2. LARC contraception	Maternal and Perinatal Health
2903/ 2904	OPA	Contraceptive Care- All Women Ages 15–20 percentage that: 1. Most effective or moderately effective contraception 2. LARC contraception	Maternal and Perinatal Health
NA	CDC	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery	Maternal and Perinatal Health
1800	NCQA	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5–18	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
NA	NCQA	Ambulatory Care: Emergency Department Visits per 1000 among Children up to Age 19	Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
0108	NCQA	Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	Behavioral Health Care
0576	NCQA	Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Ages 6–17	Behavioral Health Care
2800	NCQA	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Anti-psychotics	Behavioral Health Care
2801	NCQA	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Behavioral Health Care
NA	DQA (ADA)	Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars	Dental and Oral Health Services
0006	AHRQ	CAHPS Health Plan Survey 5.1H- Child Version including Medicaid and children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental items	Experience of Care

Sincerely,

  
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