



## NORMATIVE LETTER 26-0130

January 30, 2026

**To:** Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) contracted to offer services under the Government Health Plan Vital: First Medical Inc., MMM, Triple S, Plan de Salud de Menonita

**Re:** Requirement updates for reports 24 (MY Audited HEDIS® Report) and 26 (MY Adult and Child Core Measures Sets) – Normative Letter 24-1219 substitution

**Report 24:** 2026 (MY 2025) Audited HEDIS Results Report

**Report 26:** 2026 (MY 2025) Adult and Child Core Measures Sets

### I. Introduction

The Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES) provides updated requirements for reporting related to both Report 24: Audited HEDIS Results Report and Report 26: Adult and Child Core Measures Sets for 2026 submission as outlined in the ASES and MCO contract.

### II. Report 24: Audited HEDIS Results Report

The Audited HEDIS Results Report includes NCQA published HEDIS standardized measures that are defined in the *Report 24\_2026\_HEDIS\_Template\_March\_2026.xlsx* which are specific HEDIS measures required to submit by the MCO. **ASES has determined that for the 2026 year of measurement, the Report 24 measures will be the same as the previous year, except that the version of the measures will be MY 2025.** All applicable updates and provisions issued by NCQA in MY 2025 will be incorporated.

The template workbook for reporting year 2026 is based on the template workbook from reporting year 2024 with some small changes to the required data types and the removal of the AMB measure.

#### Submission Requirement:

The report is due on an annual basis 6 months after the end of the calendar year with the first report being due to ASES by June 30, 2026, according to Regulatory Letter 24-0701-A issued by ASES on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This report monitors requirements 12 and 18.2 of the contract. ASES will not provide an extension to this due date.



The Contractor must submit the following documents:

- Attestation
- Original HEDIS vendor report.
- Excel Template with the numerator, denominator and rate as outlined. This template follows the NCQA HEDIS technical specifications.

All fields are required if no other specific instructions are detailed for each field. This includes all specified stratifications. For any measure where data are not available, it is recommended that the Contractor consult with their HEDIS vendor and document “incomplete data” for the specific metric.

### Specifications:

The reports must be submitted according to HEDIS MY 2025, technical specifications with stratifications, if required, for the following HEDIS measures:

Measure Domain	Measure Code	Measure Name
Effectiveness of Care	BPD	Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes
Effectiveness of Care	EED	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes
Effectiveness of Care	URI	Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection
Effectiveness of Care	KED	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes
Effectiveness of Care	DMH	Diagnosed Mental Health Disorders
Effectiveness of Care	DSU	Diagnosed Substance Use Disorders
Access and Availability of Care	AAP	Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services

**Note:** There are numerous changes to logic from the MY2024 to the MY2025 HEDIS measures including but not limited to the changing of input data types and the removal of the utilization measure: Ambulatory Care (AMB), which is no longer required as NCQA has retired this HEDIS measure.



### III. Report 26: 2026 (MY 2025) Adult and Child Core Measure Sets

The Report 26: Adult and Child Core Measure Sets capture CMS published Medicaid Child and Adult Core Sets standardized measures. The measures are updated on an annual basis which may result in measures being added, retired or a change in methodology. ASES has determined that for the 2026 year of measurement, the Report 26 measures will use the MY 2025 version of the measures. **The Contractor must reference the MY 2025 CMS published Medicaid Child and Adult Core Sets core sets, and the reference manuals listed below, keeping in mind that the measures have changed from the previous reporting period.** ASES requires MCOs to report the full array of Medicaid's 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets, both of which were updated December 2025.

Resources for the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets are provided by CMS and can be accessed at the CMS website:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures>

CMS published the State Health Official (SHO) letter regarding the 2026 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets and Mandatory Reporting Guidance here:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho24007.pdf>

This letter includes:

- Annual updates to the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets,
- Adherence to mandatory reporting guidance,
- Populations that should be reported and the population exemption process, and
- Data stratification categories and measures for which stratified reporting is mandatory.

**The 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets included provisional measures. For 2026 reporting, ASES is requiring ALL the measures, including the ones that CMS has marked as provisional. The templates will include these provisional measures for reporting.**



## Submission Requirement:

The Contractor must submit the following documents:

- Attestation
- Original HEDIS vendor report.
- Excel Template with the numerator, denominator and rate as outlined. This template follows the CMS submission requirements which allows the MCO to furnish the metrics that are publicly available.

## Specifications:

The 2026 (MY 2025), Child Resource Manual and Technical Specifications and the 2026 Adult Resource Manual and Technical Specifications should be used to report the 2026 Core set of Adult and Child Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid. The links are included below.

### **2026 Adult and Child Core Measure Submission Requirement:**

The report is due on an annual basis 6 months after the end of the calendar year with the first report being due to ASES by June 30, 2026. According to Regulatory Letter 24-0701-A issued by ASES on 16 August 2024. ASES will not provide an extension to this due date.

The Contractor must use the CMS technical specifications, which are available at CMS' website on the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets at the link provided above.

#### **Adult Core Measure Set**

MCOs shall report all Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid from the 2026 Adult Core Set, including the measures that are listed in the 2026 Adult Core Set as provisional and voluntary. As noted above the measures that are labeled as provisional MUST be reported. The complete listing of the Adult Core Set is available using the following link:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2026-adult-core-set.pdf>

#### **Child Core Measure Set**

MCOs shall report all Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid for the 2026 Child Core Set. As noted above the measures that are labeled as provisional MUST be reported. The complete listing of the Child Core Set is available using the following link:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2026-child-core-set.pdf>



## IV. Separability Clause

If any provision of this Normative Letter is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction and competence, the declaration shall not affect or invalidate the remaining provisions.

## V. Amendment of other regulations

This Normative Letter updates or replaces the instructions given on Normative Letter 24-1219 issued on December 19, 2024.

## VI. Validity Clause

This letter will have immediate applicability.

### Note:

The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems: CAHPS Health Plan Survey, Adult Version (CPA-AD) and the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Health Plan Survey, Child Version Including Medicaid and Children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental Items (CPC-CH) are required for Report 23 and do not need to be reported within Report 26.

Best Regards,

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