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Quality Updates

Quality Strategy

- **Performance Metrics**

- Each MCO must report annually on select patient outcome measures
- 64 performance measures included for 2023

- **MCO Withhold of Capitation Payments for Quality Outcomes**

- 1% of MCOs' gross revenues are withheld
- MCOs must meet the target or improve 2 points over the plan's prior year performance to "earn back" the 1%
- 11 measures will be incentivized in 2023

Measurement Year 2023 Changes

The following measures were retired for MY2023:

- Flu Vaccination for Adults 18 to 64
- Breast Cancer Screening

The following measures have been added for MY2023:

- Asthma Medication Ratio
- Topical Fluoride for Children
- Oral Evaluation, Dental Services
- Inpatient Utilization-General Hospital/Acute Care
- Enrollment by Product Line
- Language Diversity of Membership
- Race/Ethnicity Diversity of Membership

Incentivized Quality Performance Measures

The following measures were incentivized for MY2021 & MY2022 and will continue for MY2023:

Pregnancy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cesarean Rate for Low-Risk First Birth Women	Child: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Childhood Immunizations (Combo 3)• Immunizations for Adolescents (Combo 2)
Adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorectal Cancer Screening• HIV Viral Load Suppression• Cervical Cancer Screening• Comprehensive Diabetes Care-HbA1c poor control (>9.0%)• Controlling High Blood Pressure	Behavioral Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-Up After ED Visit for Mental Illness• Follow-up After ED Visit for Substance Use• Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness

Stratified Measures

Stratified by race/ethnicity and urban/rural status:

Pregnancy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Percentage of Low Birthweight Births• Contraceptive Care – Postpartum Ages 21–44	Child: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life• Childhood Immunizations (Combo 3)• Immunizations for Adolescents (Combo 2)
Adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorectal Cancer Screening• HIV Viral Load Suppression• Cervical Cancer Screening	Behavioral Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-Up After ED Visit for Mental Illness• Follow-up After ED Visit for Substance Use• Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness

Quality Performance Measures

- MY2021 results are being added to the Medicaid Quality Dashboard (below)
- MY2022 results will be available at the end of CY2023

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About the Medicaid Managed Care Quality Dashboard

Quality Improvement, Population Health and Health Equity Section

The purpose of the Medicaid Quality Dashboard is to provide transparency and accountability in the healthcare provided to Medicaid members.

Medicaid regularly monitors the performance of contracted managed care organizations (MCOs) on a wide range of quality measures, including both HEDIS and non-HEDIS metrics. (Please note that this dashboard only applies to the managed care program and does not include Medicaid fee-for-service members.)

The panel to your left shows groupings of quality measures. For each quality measure, results are reported for the most recent year, by plan and statewide, along with trend information since measurement year 2015. Trend information is not always available for all measures. The metrics on this dashboard are displayed according to the measurement year. Therefore, the 2020 quality measure results reflect care that happened in calendar year 2020.

In addition, where available, a dashed line shows baseline data from prior to implementation of the managed care program. The baseline data is from the 2011 measurement year and reflects care that

Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)

- MCOs are required by CMS to have ongoing programs of PIPs
- Intended to improve care, services, or enrollee outcomes in a specific area
- All MCOs work on the same measures
- Maximum of 5 annually

Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)

Effective 1/1/2023 for 3-year cycles:

- COVID-continuation
- Fluoride Varnish-continuation
- **Cervical Cancer Screening-new**
- **HIV Screening-new**
- Behavioral Health Transitions in Care (OBH)-continuation
- Permanent Molar Dental Sealants (Dental Plans)

Legislative Updates

Legislative Session 2022 (18 total)

- **HB 557:** Provides relative to the dispensing of contraceptives
 - increased max quantity limits from 30 days supply/or 100 unit doses to 6 months (180 days) or 168 doses for oral agents
- **SB 257:** Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitors
 - crosses both DME and Pharmacy programs
- **SB 298:** Requires LDH to annually review medications, forms of treatment, and services for care of Medicaid enrollees with sickle cell disease

Legislative Session 2022 (18 total)

- **HB 650:** Provides relative for Medicaid coverage for prescription of breast milk
- **SB 154:** Provides for health insurance coverage of genetic testing for critically ill infants with no diagnosis
- **HR 158:** Requests a study of gender-altering procedures for minors and the risks associated with such procedures
- **HB 55:** Coverage of dental care for certain adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities or who reside in ICFs
- **HB 286:** Establishes requirements relative to credentialing of certain providers who have privileges with a hospital, FQHC or RHC.

Business Plan

LDH Business Plan FY 2022

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Business Plan SFY22

Progress on Business Plan SFY22 goals and deliverables:

- 246 of 258 **(95%)** SFY22 deliverables have been completed
- 37 of 42 **(88%)** SFY goals have been completed

Business Plan SFY22

Medicaid-related initiatives in the Business Plan SFY22:

- Assess Dental Coverage and Services for Adult Medicaid Enrollees to Improve Health Outcomes (100% Completed)
- Improve Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment and the Quality of Care (83% Completed)
- Improve Care for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (83% Completed)
- Improve Early Detection of Colorectal Cancer and Treatment of High Blood Pressure and Diabetes (100% Completed)
- Improve Health Outcomes from Pregnancy through Childhood (96% Completed)
- Increase and Strengthen Service Delivery for Vulnerable Residents (95% Completed)
- Forge New Strategic Partnerships with Public Universities (100%)
- Develop and Implement an Annual Comprehensive Medicaid Provider Rate Review Process (100% Completed)
- Develop Sustainable, Equitable, and Comprehensive Supplemental Payment Systems (100% Completed)
- Improve LDH Compliance with State, Federal, and Agency Requirements (100% Completed)
- Increase Accountability and Transparency through Medicaid Managed Care Organization Contract (82% Completed)

Business Plan SFY22

Initiative: Improve Health Outcomes from Pregnancy through Childhood

- By June 2022, implement four policy and programmatic changes to increase access to maternal care services.
- Improve systems that support breast milk as first food to increase breastfeeding initiation among Medicaid beneficiaries in Louisiana by 700 (8%) to a total of 9,824, with a specific focus on non-Hispanic Black women.
- Increase the number of all mothers breastfeeding their infants at eight weeks of life by 1,120 (4%) to a total of 29,062.
- Strengthen Louisiana's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment system by increasing the provision of necessary but underutilized preventative services in the following four areas of child health: developmental screening, immunizations, oral health, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Business Plan SFY23

Initiative: Expand Collaborations with External Partners in Community and Population Health to Address Health Issues Disproportionately Experienced by Medicaid Members

- Enroll 50 children in non-clinical asthma management services to inform and expand Medicaid policies that address environmental health risks.
- Provide directed outreach and education on the Public University Partnership Program to all Louisiana public universities and colleges, with a focus on HBCUs, to increase the number and diversity of applicants in this and subsequent years.
- Increase breastfeeding rates through implementation of two policy changes.

Business Plan SFY23

Initiative: Expand Collaborations with External Partners in Community and Population Health to Address Health Issues Disproportionately Experienced by Medicaid Members

- Support and advise development of a hospital-based violence intervention program at University Medical Center in New Orleans.
- Examine the anticipated return on investment for supporting the use of digital health technology for chronic disease management through a partnership with an existing digital medicine program at Ochsner Health.
- Increase support to clinicians who address smoking behaviors in patients by expanding coverage of tobacco cessation counseling to all Medicaid beneficiaries.

References

- **Quality Dashboard:** <https://qualitydashboard.ldh.la.gov/>
- **Quality Home Page:** <https://ldh.la.gov/subhome/47>
- **Legislation Look-Up:** <http://legis.la.gov/Legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=last>
- **Business Plan SFY22:** <https://ldh.la.gov/assets/bp/LDH-BusinessPlan.pdf>
- **PIP Reports:** <https://ldh.la.gov/page/3511>

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