



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Massachusetts
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SUBJECT: Revised Massachusetts-Specific Reporting Requirements and Value Sets Workbook

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the revised Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Reporting Requirements: Massachusetts-Specific Reporting Requirements and corresponding Massachusetts-Specific Value Sets Workbook. These documents provide updated guidance, technical specifications, and applicable codes for the state-specific measures that Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) are required to collect and report under the demonstration. As with prior annual update cycles, revisions were made in an effort to streamline and clarify reporting expectations for Massachusetts MMPs.

Please see below for a summary of the substantive changes to the Massachusetts-Specific Reporting Requirements. Note that the Massachusetts-Specific Value Sets Workbook also includes changes; Massachusetts MMPs should carefully review and incorporate the updated value sets, particularly for measures MA4.5, MA4.6, MA6.1, and MA6.2.

Massachusetts MMPs must use the updated specifications and value sets for measures due on or after June 1, 2020. This requirement excludes measures MA6.1 and MA6.2; for those measures, Massachusetts MMPs must use the updated specifications and value sets as of the Quarter 1 (Q1) 2020 submission on September 30, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsreporting@cms.hhs.gov.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Introduction

- In the “Variations from the Core Reporting Requirements Document” section, removed references to Core Measure 2.1 and Core Measure 2.2 since there are no longer any variations from the Core Reporting Requirements for those measures. Core Measure 2.1

will be reported through the Health Plan Management System as of Q1 2020 and Core Measure 2.2 is no longer reported after the implementation period.

Measure MA1.3

- Revised the measure to reflect that it will be reported through the Financial Alignment Initiative Data Collection System as of Q1 2020, including updating the reporting frequency, period, and due date.

Measure MA2.1

- In the Analysis section, added information about additional calculations that will be used to evaluate reported data.

Measure MA4.5

- Revised the measure to align with updated specifications from the measure steward (NCQA/HEDIS).

Measure MA6.1

- In the Notes section, revised the data element B exclusions to align with the latest specifications from the measure steward (AHRQ/PQI).

Measure MA6.2

- In the Notes section, revised the data element B exclusions to align with the latest specifications from the measure steward (AHRQ/PQI).