November 30, 2021

RE: Clarification #8 for Measurement Year (MY) 2021 Updates

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about edits incorporated into the 2020-2021 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical Specifications for Measurement Year (MY) 2021 reporting.

The information contained in this clarification has been incorporated into a revised version of the MY2021 PLD specifications for the Medicaid and Commercial lines of business.

The updated 2020-2021 PLD specification are posted on our Managed Care Information for Health Plans page. The revised specifications should be used in plans' processing for MY2021 QARR.

Listed below are the changes and further explanation:

The following edits were made to the 2021 Patient-Level Detail (PLD) specifications:

**Products: Commercial PLD Specifications**
- For the Cardiac Rehabilitation (CRE) measure the appropriate denominators for each numerator and age stratification were missing. The indicators for Total have been removed to alleviate plan reporting burden. The numbers for the rows have changed for only the end of the PLD. [columns 480-495]

**Products: Medicaid PLD Specifications**
- For the Cardiac Rehabilitation (CRE) measure the appropriate denominators for each numerator and age stratification were missing. The indicators for Total have been removed to alleviate plan reporting burden. The numbers for the rows have changed for only the end of the PLD. [columns 475-490]

**Products: Exchange PLD Specifications**
- For the Follow Up After Hospitalization (FUH) measure the 30-day numerator and denominator have been added to the end of the PLD to allow for reporting of the new stratification per the Quality Rating System Final 2021 call letter. [columns 286 to 297]
If there are any questions about the above edits, or if you find issues or have concerns with the 2021 Technical Specifications manual or the 2021 PLD specifications, please email nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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