RE: Clarification #9 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 Technical Specifications and Medication List.

The updated 2020-2021 Technical Specifications 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 Medication List and Technical Specifications:

- The NYS QARR Medication List was last updated in late 2020. The updated list is now posted and should be used to correspond to MY2021 submissions. The 2020-2021 specifications now indicate that a posted update for the Medication List was scheduled for November 2020 and December 2021 (page 25 and 26).

- There are no updates to the NYS QARR Value Sets. The version dated 10-22-2020 can be used for MY 2021 submission.

- In clarification #7, it was announced that for the retired Childhood Immunization Status combination rates 2,4,5,6,8,9, hard coding the numerators to “0” is acceptable if the plan in unable to report these results. [columns 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98]. **This update is to announce using blank is preferable as that is common practice for retired numerators.**

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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