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QIP POLICY LETTER 18—002

TO: ALL QIP ENTITIES

SUBJECT: MINIMUM NUMBER OF CASES

PURPOSE:

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs all entities participating in the QIP Program that, beginning Program Year (PY) 2, a measure must have a denominator with a minimum of 30 individuals or cases in order to be eligible for reporting and payment.

NOTE: The minimum of 30 individuals or cases does not apply to measure Q-IP1. The reporting eligibility criteria for this measure is specified in the applicable QIP Reporting Manual.

BACKGROUND:

The basis for the minimum number of cases is in alignment with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Core Set reporting standards, in which a denominator of less than 30 is deemed not statistically significant.

POLICY:

All QIP entities must have a minimum of 30 individuals or cases in a measure denominator in order to be eligible to report and receive payment for that measure, beginning PY 2.

All participating entities must report on at least 20 performance measures. If an entity is ineligible to report on a measure due to having a denominator of less than 30, that measure will not qualify as part of the 20 required performance measures. If an entity is unable to report on at least 20 performance measures, the entity will forfeit funding proportionate to the number of measures the entity is unable to report. For example, if

an entity is only able to report on 19 measures in PY 2, the entity will only be eligible to claim 95% of their total allocated funds for PY 2.

An entity may elect to report on a measure that it had not previously reported on, provided the entity is able to report statistically significant rates for the prior and current program years.

If an entity reported a denominator of less than 30 for a measure in PY 1, the entity must select an eligible replacement measure to report on in PY 2. For the replacement measure to be eligible for reporting in PY 2, the entity must also be able to report a statistically significant denominator of at least 30 for PY 1.

If you have any questions regarding this QPL, please contact your QIP Liaison or email the QIP Mailbox at QIP@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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