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QIP POLICY LETTER 21—002

TO: ALL QIP ENTITIES

SUBJECT: PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 3.5 PRIME TRANSITION UPDATED
REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION
MEASURE

PURPOSE:

This QIP Policy Letter (QPL) informs QIP Entities of necessary and required measurement and reporting instructions for the PRIME Transition measure 1.3.3 – Preventative Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization. These updates are only for PRIME Transition influenza immunization data due to DHCS on March 31, 2021. **Updated instructions within the Policy section of this QPL do not apply to the influenza immunization measure for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Immunization sub-pool due to DHCS on June 15, 2021.**

This QPL also provides a table that clarifies the difference between the influenza measure data due to DHCS on March 31, 2021 versus the influenza measure data due to DHCS on June 15, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The [QPL-21-001](#) informs entities that the PY3.5 measurement period for the PRIME Transition measures is adjusted to March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020. DHCS informed entities that the measurement period for the PRIME Transition measures needs to be self-adjusted from what is currently in the PY3.5 PRIME Transition manual. However, for the PRIME Transition 1.3.3: Influenza Immunization measure, additional instruction is required for how to adjust the influenza season.

POLICY:

The PRIME Transition 1.3.3 measure should be adjusted in accordance with the guidance below:

1. PRIME Transition 1.3.3 measure captures all but the last month of the 2019/2020 influenza season.
2. Denominator must capture encounters from October 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.
3. Numerator must capture immunizations received between August 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020.

Please note the above guidance only impacts the data submission for entities who participated in Project 1.3 for the PRIME Transition.

Additional Information

There is a separate influenza immunization data submission for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Immunization sub-pool, which has a different measurement period and a separate funding pool. Please refer to [QPL-21-001](#) for an overview of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Immunization sub-pool. Below is a comparison of each influenza data submission.

Influenza Immunization	PRIME Transition 1.3.3	Immunization Sub-Pool
Measurement Period	Mar. 1, 2019 – Feb. 29, 2020	Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020
Denominator	Oct. 1, 2019 – Feb. 29, 2020	Oct. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020
Numerator	Aug. 1, 2019 – Feb. 29, 2020	Aug. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020
Submission Date	March 31, 2021	June 15, 2021

QIP entities should contact their QIP Liaison or email the QIP Mailbox at QIP@dhcs.ca.gov if there are any questions concerning this QPL.

Sincerely,

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