



December 2020 DSRIP Announcements & Updates

Dear DSRIP Program Participants,

Thank you for your attention to these NJ DSRIP announcements.

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DOH Corner

Thank you for your patience and continued efforts while we awaited CMS approval on the DY8 Final Payment & Chart/EHR Measure Results. We are happy to announce that we have received CMS approval and the appeals process for the Chart/EHR measure results and related payment is now open. Please note that there is no payment associated with this announcement; payment will be distributed after Chart/EHR measure results appeals have been submitted and approved by CMS.

NJ DOH continues to develop the QIP-NJ program with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2021. While we await CMS approval, we have developed the QIP-NJ website and a draft of the QIP-NJ Measure Specifications Guide for NJ hospital review and comment. Please see the corresponding sections below for more details.

[DY8 Final Payment & Chart/EHR Measure Results: Now Available!](#)

The hospitals' DY8 non-claims-based (Chart/EHR) Measure Results and Final Payments have been reviewed and approved by CMS. All hospitals should have received an email notifying them that their DY8 Final Payment

Package is available in their hospital's Inbound folder on the [SFTP](#). The DY8 Final Payment Package contains the DY8 Final Payment Letter and the DY8 Performance Measure Results, which includes DY8 Chart/EHR measure results. Hospitals should have completed the [DY8 Final Payment & Chart/EHR Measure Results Acknowledgement Survey](#) to confirm they received their DY8 Final Payment Packages.

Please note that no payment has been paid to hospitals with this notification. The DY8 Final Payment is informed by hospitals' performance on non-claims-based (chart-based) measures, the UPP remainder, plus any necessary post-appeals adjustments from DY7 and/or DY8. Once the final appeals are approved by CMS, the DY8 Final Payment will be distributed to all hospitals. For an overview of the DY8 Reporting Timeline, please review the May 15th NJ DSRIP webinar slides and recording on the NJ DSRIP [Learning Collaborative webpage](#).

[DY8 Chart/EHR Measure Results Appeals: Now Open](#)

Hospitals' DY8 Final Payment Packages were posted to the NJ DSRIP [SFTP](#) on Thursday, November 19, 2020. In accordance with Section VII.D of the [NJ DSRIP Funding and Mechanics Protocol](#), hospitals have 30 days upon notification from the Department and receipt of supporting documentation of the DY8 Final Payment to submit an appeals request. Hospitals have until **Monday, December 21, 2020** to submit appeals for the DY8 Chart/EHR Measure Results and Final Payment to their Outbound folder on the NJ DSRIP [SFTP](#). This is the only opportunity to appeal the measures included in the Chart/EHR payment. Hospitals must submit appeals using the DY8 Final Payment Appeals Workbook. Before submitting appeals, please review the DY8 Final Payment Appeals Guidance document. Both the DY8 Final Payment Appeals Workbook and Guidance Document are available on the NJ DSRIP [Participants webpage](#).

Please note, only **reporting** and **computational** errors may be appealed. Disputes related to CMS and DOH approved DSRIP protocols, such as program policy, formula designs or measure baselines, are not appealable. Additionally, the window for DY8 MMIS measure results appeals has closed and new appeals for these results will not be accepted.

[DY8 MMIS Measure Results Appeals: CMS Approved](#)

Thank you for submitting appeals for the DY8 Interim Payment Packages, including the DY8 MMIS measure results. CMS has completed its review and approved DOH's findings for the DY8 Interim Payment Package appeals. Hospitals that submitted appeals have been informed via email and can find their results in the DY8 Payment Package folder within the hospital Inbound folder on the [SFTP](#). Please email NJDSRIP@pcgus.com with any questions regarding these results.

[QIP-NJ Website Launch](#)

We are excited to share that the QIP-NJ website has launched: <http://qip-nj.nj.gov/>. This website contains general information about QIP-NJ, important documents and resources for hospitals, and upcoming deadlines and dates for events relevant to the program. Please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com if you have any issues accessing or using the website.

QIP-NJ “Bridge” Payment: CMS Approved

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NJ DOH delayed the start of the QIP-NJ program to July 1, 2021. As a result, DOH proposed an interim time-limited directed payment, known as the QIP-NJ “Bridge” payment, and it was submitted via a Section 438.6(c) Preprint by DOH and DHS earlier this summer. As reported in the October newsletter, the payment received CMS approval on September 17, 2020.

In compliance with 438.6(c)(2)(i)(A), New Jersey will require each of the state’s Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MMCOs) to issue a per diem add-on payment to hospital inpatient claims across five classes of providers. In the interest of ensuring hospitals receive payment at the earliest possible date, the State proposed two utilization periods for the add on payment: (P1: July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020; P2: October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021).

A memo that provides additional details regarding the QIP-NJ “Bridge” payment is available on the QIP-NJ [Resources](#) webpage. If you have any questions, please email QIP-NJ@pcgus.com.

QIP-NJ Measure Specifications Guide: Draft Available for Review

As the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) continues to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) on the development and approval of the Quality Improvement Program – New Jersey (QIP-NJ), the NJ DOH is soliciting feedback from New Jersey acute care hospitals on the current draft of the QIP-NJ Measure Specifications Guide that is now available on the [QIP-NJ website](#). Please note that this document is in draft form, and, based on feedback provided by NJ hospitals, will be updated prior to the anticipated program start date of July 1, 2021. This feedback will be essential to inform NJ DOH of your hospital’s thoughts regarding performance measurement for this program. Please review and provide your feedback or questions in written form to QIP-NJ@pcgus.com by **Thursday, December 31, 2020**.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please email NJDSRIP@pcgus.com.

Thank you,

NJ DSRIP Team



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