

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **2014 Update to Rule 9-03 Implementation Manual**

cc: Cheryle Morgan, Justin St.Andre, Andrew Vidikan (Navigant); Kaj Samsom (DFR)

This memo outlines changes to the Rule H-2009-03 Implementation Manual for the July 15, 2015 data filing. The changes are presented in the chart below in the order in which they appear in the Implementation Manual. *Please note that the page numbers in the chart below reference the page number in the redlined version of the document.*

Manual Sections I-IV	Description of Change
Page 6; C. Annual QI Process	A note has been added to reflect the new deeming opportunity for MCOs for quality improvement requirements when participating with the Blueprint for Health.
Manual Section V	
Page 80; 6.3(B)7.a-f	New QI deeming opportunity for MCOs that participate with Blueprint for Health.
Page 82; 6.3(B)8.a-f	New QI deeming opportunity for MCOs that participate with Blueprint for Health.
Page 85; 6.3(C)	New QI deeming opportunity for MCOs that participate with Blueprint for Health.
Page 85; 6.3(D)1,2 and 4	New QI deeming opportunity for MCOs that participate with Blueprint for Health.
Appendices	Description of Change
Page 1	Two new appendices have been added to the Table of Contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix H: Measurement Methodology and Significance Testing Criteria. • Appendix I: Data Collection Requirements for HEDIS[®] Hybrid Measures.
Page 5	2015 HEDIS/CAHPS Measure Requirements
Pages 7-8, C. Utilization Review Decisions Data Filing	Updated pre-service request timeframes to be consistent with 2013 statutory change.
Pages 20-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated 2015 data filing checklists for MCOs and MBHOs. • Replaced the following specialties under travel time access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dermatology ○ Allergy ○ Orthopedic Surgery
Pages 27-30	Goal templates removed due to new QI deeming opportunity.
Pages 31-28, Appendix C	Updated to include new QI deeming opportunity.
Page 39	Grammatical change in text regarding where to find information on DFR's website.
Pages 41-43, Appendix H	Added appendix to explain "Measurement Methodology and Significance Testing Criteria."
Page 44, Appendix I	Added appendix to explain data collection for HEDIS hybrid measures.



For the 2015 data filing, the Department will require that MCOs file data from their Exchange QHPs using the HEDIS/CAHPS requirements specified by CMS. This information can be found using the following link: <http://qhpcahps.cms.gov>. Because there are filing and reporting differences between the HEDIS/CAHPS measures for QHPs and all other managed care product data that will be reported to the Department, we are providing you with two sets of filing tables to facilitate the 2015 data filing - one set of tables for QHPs and another set of tables for all other products.

Please review these changes and provide any necessary feedback no later than Friday, January 6th. If you have any questions about this information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.