



Summary of Comments Received in Public Review Period Medicaid Transformation Measurement Guide

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Overview

On February 8, 2018, Health Care Authority (HCA) made the DSRIP Measurement Guide available for public review and comment on the Medicaid Transformation webpage. An email notice alerted stakeholders, partners, and community members of the public comment period and process for submitting comments. Notice was shared broadly through existing Healthier Washington, HCA, and partner agency communications channels.

The review and comment period was open from February 8 to February 28. It served as an opportunity for the public to review, with a specific emphasis on identifying areas of confusion, the ease or difficulty of navigating the document, and topics or themes that appear to be missing or not covered. HCA received public comments from nine organizations that included Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), individual stakeholders, a hospital system, and an academic medical center. Key themes raised in during the public review period included:

- Additional detail about how statewide accountability works, how ACHs can earn incentives for value-based payment adoption and high performance
- Clarification about aspects of pay for performance (P4P) metric production and connection to Project Incentives
- Information about pay-for-reporting (P4R) metrics and definitions
- Greater detail about how DSRIP quality and outcome metrics were selected
- More detail in the Project P4P technical specification sheets

Based on feedback, HCA made revisions to enhance clarity, comprehensiveness, and consistency throughout the document. In addition, new chapters and appendices were incorporated to describe DSRIP program development that occurred since the February 2018 release. The following table provides a snapshot of the August 2018 Measurement Guide table of contents, with a high-level description of updates, changes, or new content.

For questions related to the content of this document, the Measurement Guide, or the Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation, contact medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov.

Summary of Measurement Guide content updates and changes

<i>Table of Contents</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Description</i>
Chapter 1: DSRIP program requirements and accountability	Updated	New snapshots describe accountability and incentive structure by entity.
Chapter 2: Statewide accountability	Updated	Additional detail related to calculation methodology.
Chapter 3: Managed care organization accountability	New	Updated content describing MCO incentives for VBP adoption.
Chapter 4: ACH incentives for value-based care	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised P4R AVs. No longer requiring Regional VBP Transformation Plan nor provider-level LOIs; instead, requiring ACHs to report on efforts to share information, encourage participation in VBP survey, and support provider-level VBP transition P4P methodology no longer requires ongoing achievement over target to receive improvement points – as long as ACH remains at or above target, will receive full improvement points
Chapter 5: ACH Project Incentives - overall	New	High-level summary of overall Project Incentives.
Chapter 6: ACH Project Incentives - Pay for Reporting	New	Describes P4R criteria for earning incentives.
Chapter 7: ACH Project Incentives - Pay for Performance	Updated	Additional detail related to attribution, production, and validation.
Chapter 8: ACH High Performance Incentives	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised metric list, and inclusion of duals in subset of metric results QIS Model specifications Distribution approach (no threshold, to include attribution factor with relative QIS weighting)
Appendix: Glossary of terms	Updated	No substantive changes. Refined for consistency and clarity.
Appendix: Resources for monitoring DSRIP progress	New	Provides overview of resources for monitoring DSRIP progress.
Appendix: DSRIP measurement and payment timing	New	Graphic depictions of measurement and payment timelines.
Appendix: ACH VBP Incentive calculation examples	New	Illustrates how ACH VBP Incentives are earned.
Appendix: Sample calculation of ACH High Performance Incentives	New	Illustrates how ACH High Performance Incentives are earned.
Appendix: DSRIP metric selection and alignment	New	Description of how metrics were selected for DSRIP.
Appendix: DSRIP quality and outcome metrics	No change	No substantive changes. Revised for consistency and clarity.
Appendix: ACH Project P4P improvement target and AV methodology	No change	No substantive changes. Revised for consistency and clarity.
Appendix: ACH Project P4P sample achievement value calculations	No change	No substantive changes. Minor refinements for clarity.
Appendix: Technical specifications (DSRIP quality and outcome metrics)	Updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to HEDIS™ 2018 specifications. Additional information about measure construction, and consistency in eligible population descriptions.
Appendix: Technical specifications (ACH project P4R metrics)	New	Final definitions of P4R metrics and specifications.