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Dear NCQA Customers,

NCQA is pleased to release a supplement to HEDIS® Volume 2 called “Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS” (the “Rules”), which will be available on July 1. The Rules make NCQA’s HEDIS measures applicable to a broader range of entities that want to assess population health.

HEDIS measures meet rigorous development and evaluation criteria, and their correct use allows for building benchmarks and comparisons across health care organizations. Because we know that many organizations find value in using HEDIS measures to monitor and improve quality for their populations, we are publishing the Rules.

These Rules and the associated license for adjusting NCQA’s HEDIS measure specifications allow organizations to modify or remove specified items such as the continuous enrollment or product-line criteria. These modifications then help users to evaluate alternate populations, conduct gap analyses or design targeted quality improvement programs

NCQA will also release a separate, expanded HEDIS Value Set Directory (VSD) for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS (the “HEDIS Adjustments VSD”) with SNOMED and RxNorm codes to help health care organizations take greater advantage of the Rules.

The Rules and the HEDIS Adjustments VSD, reviewed and approved by NCQA measure experts, provide expanded use of HEDIS measures without changing their clinical intent. The Rules and the associated license also ensure that the properly modified measures and resulting data can maintain the HEDIS name—although, the results may not be called, or represented as, “audited” HEDIS Rates.

With purchase of HEDIS Volume 2, the 2019 Rules and HEDIS Adjustments VSD will be available in NCQA’s Download Center as two downloadable files at no additional cost.

Throughout 2018 and 2019, NCQA will share information about these changes.

If you have questions about the new Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS, submit them to NCQA’s Policy department through [my.ncqa.org](http://my.ncqa.org).

Thank you for your continued commitment to measurement, accountability and health care quality improvement.

Sincerely,

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