



1100 13th Street NW, Third Floor

Washington, DC 20005

phone 202.955.3500

fax 202.955.3599

www.ncqa.org

November 14, 2018

Dear Physician Measurement Contact:

NCQA's HEDIS® *Technical Specifications for Physician Measurement* publication is being retired for HEDIS 2019 and will not be released this year.

The *HEDIS 2019 Volume 2: Technical Specifications for Health Plans* publication will serve as the new reference for customers who previously purchased the Physician Measurement publication and may be used to perform provider-level assessments. Volume 2 includes a *Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS* supplement, containing guidelines for adjusting HEDIS measure specifications for use with other populations (including at the provider/practice level). The Rules were reviewed and approved by NCQA measure experts and provide room for evaluating alternative populations without changing the clinical intent of the measure. The Rules are accompanied by a separate, unique HEDIS Value Set Directory (VSD) for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS, which can be used with the traditional HEDIS VSD to enable calculation of measure results stemming from the adjusted measure specifications.

The Volume 2 publication is available for purchase from the [NCQA Store](#) in epub or printed format:

- [HEDIS 2019 Volume 2 \(epub\)](#)
- [HEDIS 2019 Volume 2 \(hard copy\)](#)

If you have questions about how Volume 2 and the Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS may be applied to physician measurement, contact NCQA through the My.NCQA portal:

1. Go to <http://my.ncqa.org>.
2. Click **Ask a Question**.
3. Click **PCS Policy/Program Clarification Support**.
4. From the **Product/Program Type** drop-down menu, select **HEDIS**.
5. From the **General Content Area** drop-down menu, select **Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS**.

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Ottone
Director, HEDIS Policy