Notification of Changes for HEDIS®

NCQA announces the following changes for HEDIS Measurement Years 2020 and 2021. NCQA does not seek public comment for these changes.

**HEDIS Publication Naming Convention Change**

Starting this year and completing in calendar year 2021, the naming convention of all HEDIS publications will refer to the Measurement Year, to clarify for HEDIS customers. The publication being released this year is HEDIS Measurement Years 2020 and 2021.

**HEDIS Publication Timeline Shift**

NCQA is changing three dates in the publication schedule to release complete measure specifications almost a full year earlier than in the current timeline.

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**Release of Volume 2: Technical Specifications**

NCQA will release the *HEDIS Measurement Years 2020 and 2021 Volume 2: Technical Specifications for Health Plans* e-publication on July 1, 2020. The printed publication will be released on July 15.

The *HEDIS Measurement Year 2020 (MY 2020) Volume 2 Technical Update* will be released on October 1, 2020. The *HEDIS Measurement Year 2021 (MY 2021) Volume 2 Technical Update* will be released on March 31, 2021.

**Measures Retiring From HEDIS**

These measures will no longer be collected or used by NCQA.

  - *Rationale*: There are concerns about the validity of capturing the specific evidence-based tests recommended for osteoporosis screening using a survey question.

  - *Rationale*: The latest research indicates that about 10%–15% of patients with RA can achieve sustained DMARD-free remission, but these members cannot be removed from the measure due to limitations in identifying them using claims data, raising evidence and validity concerns.

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