NCQA announces the following changes for HEDIS. NCQA does not seek public comment for these changes.

**Release of Volume 2: Technical Specifications**

The *HEDIS Measurement Year 2022 Volume 2 Technical Update* memo will be released on March 31.

NCQA will release the *HEDIS Measurement Year 2023 Volume 2: Technical Specifications for Health Plans* on August 1.

**Measure Changes for HEDIS MY 2022**

**Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL and COL-E)**

- Revised the age range to 45–75 years of age from 50–75 years.
- Added age stratification (45–49 years; 50–75 years).
- Added the Medicaid product line (Medicaid plans report using the Administrative Method only).

These changes will be released as part of the *MY 2022 Volume 2 Technical Update*.

*Rationale:* Changes align the measure with updated guideline recommendations for screening from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and other national organizations.

**Deprescribing of Benzodiazepines in Older Adults (DBO)**

- DBO will not be collected for MY 2022 reporting.

*Rationale:* NCQA proposes to update the measure logic to account for members achieving 100% discontinuation without an intermediate taper of ≥20% in the numerator. Because the proposed measure updates will likely result in significant impact on measure performance, DBO will not be collected for MY 2022 reporting.

The measure specifications, value sets and medication lists will be removed from *HEDIS MY 2022 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans* in the *MY 2022 Technical Update*. If approved, DBO will be a first-year measure in MY 2023.

**Measure Changes for HEDIS MY 2023**

**Optional exclusions are now required exclusions.**

*Rationale:* For consistency across measure programs and with digital measures, all optional exclusions will become required exclusions beginning in MY 2023.

**Enrollment by Product Line (ENP)**

- Reported by all submissions.

*Rationale:* With the retirement of Enrollment by State (EBS) and Total Membership (TLM), NCQA will now use the Enrollment by Product Line (ENP) to assess enrollment and conduct validations in IDSS. ENP is required to be reported with all HEDIS submissions beginning in MY 2023.

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