

NCQA Corrections, Clarifications and Policy Changes to the 2023 HE Plus Standards and Guidelines

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This document includes the corrections, clarifications and policy changes to the 2023 Health Equity (HE) Plus standards and guidelines. NCQA has identified the appropriate page number in the printed publication and the standard and head—subhead for each update. Updates have been incorporated into the Interactive Review Tool (IRT). NCQA operational definitions for correction, clarification and policy changes are as follows:

- A **correction (CO)** is a change made to rectify an error in the standards and guidelines.
- A **clarification (CL)** is additional information that explains an existing requirement.
- A **policy change (PC)** is a modification of an existing requirement.

An organization undergoing a survey under the 2023 HE Plus Standards and guidelines must implement corrections and policy changes within 90 calendar days of the IRT release date, unless otherwise specified. The 90-calendar-day advance notice does not apply to clarifications or FAQs, because they are not changes to existing requirements.

Page	Standard/Element	Head/Subhead	Update	Type of Update	IRT Release Date
57	HE Plus 5, Element E	Exceptions	Add the following as a new exception: This element is NA for partnership arrangements in effect for less than 12 months.	CL	7/31/23