

#### Dear HEDIS Contact:

As you prepare to submit data for HEDIS<sup>®</sup> Measurement Year 2022 (MY 2022), we want to remind you of the rules for NCQA's reporting programs and products, such as Health Plan Ratings and Quality Compass<sup>®</sup>.<sup>1</sup> This letter contains important information about Interactive Data Submission System (IDSS) conditions for public reporting, **so please read it carefully!** 

To be included in NCQA's reporting programs and products, each HEDIS data submission must:

- Be audited by an NCQA-Certified HEDIS Compliance Auditor.
- Be marked "Submitted" in IDSS.
- Have a corresponding electronic Attestation.
- Be submitted by the deadlines stated below.

## MY 2022 Policy and Data Submission Deadlines

HEDIS submissions and corresponding Attestations must be in IDSS and submitted by **11:59 p.m. (ET)** on June 15, 2023.

HEDIS submissions must be "plan-locked" by no later than **11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 1**, to help ensure that NCQA-Certified HEDIS Compliance Auditors have sufficient time to review, approve and "audit-lock" all product-line submissions by the June 15 deadline.

After June 15, <u>all</u> late submissions and resubmissions will be charged a processing fee of **\$5,000** per submission and resubmission. NCQA-Accredited health plans are also subject to the late submission penalties described in their Accreditation contract. *NCQA, at its sole discretion, may choose to not accept HEDIS or CAHPS*<sup>®</sup> *resubmissions after the last business day of June of the reporting year.* 

NCQA reserves the right to exclude a late submission (a submission after June 15) or resubmission from any NCQA reporting program or product if its inclusion jeopardizes the data testing, publication date or quality of the program or product. If NCQA chooses to include this submission, NCQA may, at its sole discretion, assess an additional fee for requests to add late or resubmitted data to such programs or products.

NCQA reserves the right to require that data be resubmitted if there are concerns about the accuracy of results. Resubmissions may be subject to a fee, and their inclusion in any NCQA reporting program or product is at NCQA's sole discretion.

## **Public Reporting**

Plans must submit a separate Attestation for each submission for which they report HEDIS and CAHPS data to NCQA.

All plans that choose *to publicly report* will be included in Health Plan Ratings and Quality Compass. To ensure inclusion, plans *must* select to public report on the IDSS Attestation.



All Non-Accredited, In Process, Scheduled plans that choose *not to publicly report* will be included only in aggregate calculations for producing Quality Compass benchmarks and listed as "No Data Reported" in Health Plan Ratings.

All Accredited and Provisional plans that choose *not to publicly report* will have specific HEDIS and CAHPS measures publicly reported, in accordance with their Accreditation contract. These plans will be included in Ratings and Quality Compass, but Quality Compass will only include results for the measures used in the Ratings, and all other measures will be listed as Not Reported (NR).

Refer to the tables below for additional information about use of eligible submissions in NCQA reporting programs and products.<sup>2</sup>

### Table 1: "Yes" on Attestation

"Yes" Selected on the Attestation—Displayed for Each Product			
Health Plan Ratings	Quality Compass	Analysis Projects	
Health plan-level data are displayed.	Health plan-level data are displayed.	Health plan-level data are displayed.	

"No" Selected on the Attestation—Displayed for Each Product			
Health Plan Ratings	Quality Compass	Analysis Projects	
<ul> <li>Data are used in aggregate to produce benchmarks; the health plan is listed as "No Data Reported."</li> <li><i>Exceptions:</i></li> <li>Health plans with &lt;15,000 members are excluded, unless they have an Accredited, Interim, Provisional, In Process or Scheduled status, which will result in them being listed as "No Data Reported."</li> </ul>	Data are used in aggregate to produce benchmarks. <i>Exception:</i> Accredited health plans required to be scored on HEDIS and CAHPS data as of June 30 will have their data displayed as Submitted for measures used in Accreditation. All other measures will be displayed as "NR."	No health plan level data are displayed. Data are used in aggregate.	
• Accredited health plans required to be scored on HEDIS and CAHPS data as of June 30 are rated and displayed publicly.			

#### Table 2: "No" on Attestation



# **Exclusions from NCQA Programs and Products**

In some circumstances, NCQA excludes data from reporting programs, products and analysis. A submission that meets any criteria listed below will not be included in NCQA's reporting programs and products, and should be indicated on the Attestation as "No" for public reporting.<sup>3</sup>

For any of the following special projects or areas:

- EUTF-Active
- HUSKY C
- EUTF-Retired
- EUTF-Combined
- FFS
- HARP
- HIVSNP
- HSAG-State
- HUSKY A&B

- HUSKY D
- LTSS
  - MMP Demonstration
  - MN Marketplace
  - QRS
  - SNBC
  - SNBC-SNP

- SNBC Non-SNP
- SNP Chronic or Disabling Condition
- SNP Dual Eligible
- SNP Institutional

If you have any questions, contact your account manager by submitting a request in <u>My NCQA</u>. Log in and click **My Questions**, then click **Ask a Question**, then click **Support**. In the drop-down menu, click **IDSS**. Enter the subject and your question, and click **Submit Your Question**.

Sincerely,

Garcene Duckett, MSIS Director, Data Collection

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>NCQA may also choose not to publicly report certain data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Attestations marked "Yes" for public reporting of submissions that fall under excluded criteria will reflect "No" in IDSS.