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RE: Clarification #2 for Measurement Year (MY) 2026 Updates

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about the MY2026 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) Technical Specifications Manual and the MY2026 PLD File Specifications files. The files are posted on our Managed Care [Information for Health Plans](#) page. The revised specifications should be used in the plans' processing for MY2026 QARR. Note: changes are highlighted, removed items are highlighted with a ~~strike~~through.

This clarification includes the following changes made to the MY2026 QARR reporting requirements.

Change Version	Version Date	Section(s) Changed	Change Summary
1	7/21/2026	QARR MY2026 Technical Specifications	Table of Contents - Updated to include Continued Engagement in Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment. Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Screening in High-Risk Population measure - Updated exclusions criteria
		Table 1: QARR	Follow-Up After Acute and Urgent Care Visits for Asthma (AAF-E) - Added reporting requirement for QHP line of business to align with QRS MY2026 (RY2027) guidelines. Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention (TSC-E) - Added reporting requirement for QHP line of business to align with QRS MY2026 (RY2027) guidelines.

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		Patient-Level Detail File (PLD) MY2026 Qualified Health Plans (QHP) Line of Business	Follow-Up After Acute and Urgent Care Visits for Asthma (AAF-E) - Added reporting requirement for QHP line of business to align with QRS MY2026 (RY2027) guidelines. Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention (TSC-E) - Added reporting requirement for QHP line of business to align with QRS MY2026 (RY2027) guidelines.

If there are any questions about the above edits, or if you find issues or have concerns with the MY2026 Technical Specifications manual or other documents, please email nysqarr@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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