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RE: Clarification #3 for Measurement Year (MY) 2026 Updates

Dear Colleague,

This letter contains information about the MY2026 Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) 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 **strikethrough**.

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

Change Version	Version Date	Section(s) Changed	Change Summary
1	8/28/2026	Patient-Level Detail File (PLD) MY2026 Commercial	Development Screening (DEV-N): Updated numerator description
		Patient-Level Detail File (PLD) MY2026 Medicaid	Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening and Follow-Up (ASF-E): Updated specification verbiage for: • Denominator 2 (18-44 years) • Numerator 2 (18-44 years) • Denominator 1 (45-64 years) Development Screening (DEV-N) Updated column numbering to correct misalignment

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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