

STATE OF CONNECTICUT MQISSP ELEMENTS OVERVIEW

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The Connecticut Department of Social Services (Department) is launching a planning process to develop a new, upside-only shared savings initiative entitled the Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program (MQISSP). The goal of MQISSP, which is a component of the State Innovation Model, is to improve quality and experience of care for Medicaid beneficiaries currently being served by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Advanced Networks. The Department will select FQHCs and Advanced Networks to become MQISSP Participating Entities via a Request for Proposals process.

The following are component pieces that have been settled in negotiations during the creation of the MQISSP (e.g., Memorandum of Agreement, Primer, etc.). It is assumed that no input from the committee is necessary on these elements.

MQISSP Element	Working Assumptions	Date Shared with MAPOC
Upside or Downside Model Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upside-only model for each performance year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2015¹; May 13, 2015² June 12, 2015³; August 26, 2015⁴
Participating Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQISSP Participating Entities will include FQHCs and Advanced Networks that include at least one Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2015¹; May 13, 2015² June 12, 2015³; August 26, 2015^{4,5}
Attribution and Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries will be prospectively assigned based on the PCMH retrospective attribution process as detailed on the DSS and MAPOC September 8, 2015 conference call. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2015¹; May 13, 2015² June 12, 2015³; August 26, 2015⁴

The following are component pieces that have already received input from the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight (MAPOC):

MQISSP Element	Working Assumptions	Date Shared with MAPOC
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All single-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries with the exception of full/partial dual-eligible beneficiaries, nursing facility residents, 1915(c) waiver members, 1915(i) State Plan Amendment members, Money Follows the Person members, limited benefit Medicaid beneficiaries, and the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Health Home participants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2015¹; May 13, 2015² June 10, 2015⁶; June 12, 2015³ August 26, 2015⁴
Benefits Included in Shared Savings Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Medicaid claims except hospice, long-term supports and services, non-emergent medical transportation, and 1915(c) waiver services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 8, 2015^{7,8}; August 26, 2015⁴
Quality Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality measure set derived from Department webinars 1–3. Quality measure weighting and underservice utilization monitoring strategy will be reviewed via committee work session on September 22, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015^{4,9}

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Care Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care Coordination activities specific to FQHCs and applicable to all Participating Entities were reviewed via webinar with MAPOC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 15, 2015 (to be posted on the MAPOC website)

The following elements are technical aspects of the shared savings model. These elements will be vetted with MAPOC during the development of the shared savings model:

MQISSP Element	Working Assumptions	Date Shared with MAPOC
Minimum Number of Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQISSP Participating Entities must have a minimum of 2,500 MQISSP beneficiaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015⁴
Historical Baseline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQISSP Participating Entities will be benchmarked for quality against a comparison group or other national benchmarks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015^{4,10}
Shared Savings Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a hybrid savings pool incentivizing absolute quality and quality improvement. Realizable savings will capped at 10% of expected costs. There will be no minimum savings rate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015^{4,10}
Trend Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to the comparison group approach, trend assumptions will likely be unnecessary because the comparison group will be used to establish actual realized trends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015^{4,10}
Risk Adjustment Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a concurrent risk adjustment approach for each MQISSP Participating Entity, for all providers in aggregate, and for the comparison group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015⁴
Truncation of High-Cost Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-cost claims are to be truncated at the ninety-ninth percentile (subject to review of data). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015⁴

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The list of sources below does not include hyperlinks for DSS Quality Measure webinars. It is anticipated that these will be posted to MAPOC's website in the near future. In addition, materials to be presented at the September 22, 2015 MAPOC work session are not included in this list.

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