

MQISSP PARTICIPATING ENTITY WORKING ASSUMPTIONS

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The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) is developing a new, upside-only shared savings initiative titled 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. DSS will select FQHCs and Advanced Networks to become MQISSP Participating Entities via a Request for Proposals process.

The following foundational assumptions of the MQISSP Participating Entity design were settled during the creation of the MQISSP:

MQISSP Element	Foundational Assumptions	Date Shared with MAPOC
Participating Entity Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MQISSP Participating Entities will include FQHCs and Advanced Networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 12, 2015¹

The following working assumptions related to the MQISSP Participating Entity design have already received input from the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight (MAPOC):

MQISSP Element	Working Assumptions	Date Shared with MAPOC
FQHCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To become an MQISSP Participating Entity, FQHCs must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have current Health Resources and Services Administration grant funding under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act; Meet all federal and state requirements applicable to FQHCs; and Be a DSS Person-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) (holding either Level 2 or 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition from National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) or Primary Care Medical Home certification from The Joint Commission). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015² November 16, 2015³
Advanced Network Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Advanced Network must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single DSS PCMH (holding either Level 2 or 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition from NCQA); One or More DSS PCMHs plus specialists; One or more DSS PCMHs plus specialists and hospitals; or, A Medicare accountable care organization. To participate in MQISSP shared savings arrangements, any primary care practice in an Advanced Network must be a DSS PCMH (holding either Level 2 or 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition from NCQA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 26, 2015² November 16, 2015³ November 16, 2015³

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Lead Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the purposes of MQISSP, FQHCs will act as their own Lead Entity. Advanced Networks must designate a Lead Entity for administrative purposes. The Advanced Network Lead Entity must be a participating provider in the Advanced Network. • The responsibilities of the Lead Entity are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enter into a contract with DSS, receive any earned shared savings payments from DSS and make any appropriate distribution of the payment among providers. – Ensure that the required Enhanced Care Coordination Activities (and, in the case of FQHCs, the Care Coordination Add-On Payment Activities) are implemented as intended, including monitoring of day-to-day practice. – Establish connections with community providers. – Submit any required reporting to DSS. • The Lead Entity must identify a senior leader to represent the Participating Entity and champion the MQISSP goals and requirements within the Participating Entity, and a clinical director for the Participating Entity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 26, 2015² • November 16, 2015³ • November 16, 2015³

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