

The Quality Corner

This clinically-focused newsletter is designed to keep you informed about AHP's quality priorities and to provide resources that will help improve your performance relative to the PCP Reward Plan. Resources that can be helpful for providers and patients are linked throughout the document. For questions about optimizing your practice's quality performance and incentives, please contact [Elizabeth Sharp](#).

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ADULT QUALITY MEASURES

New & Noteworthy

Clinical Resources & Quality Resources

DM HbA1c <8%
and DM Eye
Exam

View the 2023 ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes – Key Updates You Should Know Pharmacy Pearl [here](#).

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions for DM HbA1c [here](#) and DM Eye Exam [here](#).

HTN Blood
Pressure Control

NEW

The HTN Blood Pressure Control measure can now be satisfied with remote monitoring by the patient.

Find AHP's Hypertension Blood Pressure Control Toolkit [here](#).

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions for [here](#).

Cancer
Screening

NEW

The recommended age range for Colon Cancer Screening has changed from 50-75 years old to 45-75 years old. Please take note, and let your patients know if they qualify for a colonoscopy.

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions for:

- [Breast Cancer Screening](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)

Fall Risk
Management

NEW

A prescription for Vitamin D no longer satisfies this measure.

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions for [here](#).

QUALITY INITIATIVES ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

New & Noteworthy

Clinical Resources & Quality Resources

Depression
Screening and
Follow-Up

You can see your practice's performance by logging in to the [Provider Engagement Report](#)

We've created just-in-time videos featuring our Behavioral Health Integration Team, designed to help support your care delivery. Videos are available [here](#) for:

- Screening and Diagnosis
- Self-Management
- Psychopharmacology

For 2023, AHP is focusing on universal depression screening, with a goal of increasing screenings for patients ages 12 years and older by 15%.

Find AHP's Depression Screening Toolkit and additional clinical resources [here](#).

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions for screening [here](#) and follow-up [here](#).

PEDIATRIC QUALITY PROGRAM

New & Noteworthy

Clinical Resources & Quality Resources

Adolescent Immunizations

Dr. Cynthia Rand will soon begin recruiting for the Stand Up 2 HPV research which is funded by the National Cancer Institute. The study aims to assess the impact of standing orders (SOs) and communication training compared to communication training alone on HPV vaccination rates.

Learn more [here](#).

Vaccine hesitancy, misinformation, and stigma can negatively impact vaccination rates. [Immunize.org](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) have resources to help you talk with parents and caregivers about vaccines.

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions [here](#).

Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)

Providers who have participated in Reproductive Health Counseling Training between 2019 and 2023 or Nexplanon Placement training between 2019 and 2023 will qualify for the LARC component of the 2023 PCP Reward Plan.

AHP will be offering additional training sessions in the Summer/Fall of 2023.

Read more about the LARC initiative on our [website](#).

Childhood Immunizations

The number of children receiving timely vaccinations fell significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though not as severe as national levels, the Finger Lakes Region also experienced a significant decrease. The American Academy of Pediatrics and Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families outlined the need to refocus on childhood vaccinations as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read the article [here](#).

Vaccine hesitancy and misinformation can negatively impact vaccination rates. See resources from [Immunize.org](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) to help you talk to parents and caregivers about vaccines.

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions [here](#).

Well Child 0-15 Months

AHP is working to make the Bright Futures Toolkit available for all Pediatric practices. More information will be shared when access to the resource is provided.

If you have questions in the interim, contact [Elizabeth Sharp](#).

Find the Well Child Roadmap, a resource for families to understand the importance of each well child visit [here](#) (Coming Soon in Spanish). Contact your Provider Relations rep to have maps delivered to your office!

Find 2023 performance thresholds, inclusions, and exclusions [here](#).

Well Child 15-30 Months

NEW

You will be able to see your performance in Arcadia, but because this measure is new, everyone will get full points in 2023. We will start to assign points based on performance in 2024.

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Extra, Extra Pharmacy Savings: The 2023 Pharmacy Savings Program focuses on switching patients to less costly alternatives in four medication classes when clinically appropriate: Insulin Lispro, Long-Acting Insulin, Metformin ER, and NSAIDs. Providers earn the maximum incentive when their rate of prescribing lower-cost alternatives for each medication class is better than the established overall network baseline. For providers whose performance is below the network baseline, a portion of the incentive can still be earned as long as the performance represents an improvement from the provider's prior year performance. Providers also have an opportunity to collaborate with the Pharmacy team to identify patients for whom switching is clinically inappropriate to remove those patients from the provider's performance calculation. The 2023 Pharmacy Savings Program is identical to the 2022 performance year to allow for more robust engagement, which was limited last year due to data disruptions and delays.

Providers can see their patients who are eligible to switch to a less costly medication in the [Provider Engagement Report](#). If you have questions about this year's pharmacy program or your individual performance relative to the pharmacy initiatives, please contact [Bob Adams](#).