

**Directed Payment Program
for Behavioral Health
Services Stakeholder
Feedback on Proposed Year 2
Measures and Quality
Requirements**

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1. Overview

On January 10, 2022, HHSC released the draft measures and performance requirements for Year 2 of a directed payment program (DPP) for Behavioral Health Services (BHS) for stakeholder feedback. The documents included measure specifications, attribution methodology, quality requirements, payer type stratification, and CPT codes for percent rate increases. On January 11, 2022 HHSC hosted a webinar to provide an overview of the proposed measures and performance requirements and answer questions. Stakeholders submitted feedback through an online survey that closed on January 31, 2022.

This document summarizes the stakeholder feedback HHSC received through one respondent to the survey. HHSC reviewed and considered the stakeholder comments and is not making any changes to the proposed *Year 2 DPP BHS Measure Specifications* or *DPP for BHS Requirements*.

HHSC will include the measures and quality requirements in the DPP BHS state directed payment preprint submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in March 2022. All DPP BHS Year 2 requirements are subject to CMS approval. HHSC will post any changes required by CMS as described in TAC §353.1322.

2. Stakeholder Comments

HHSC did not receive any feedback on Component 1 measures B1-145, B1-146, B1-147, B1-148, Component 2 measures B2-152, B2-153, B2-154, attribution methodology, payer type stratification, or targeted CPT codes for Component 2.

B2-149: Preventive Care & Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling

1. One stakeholder commented that there was a change to the measure steward for B2-149: Preventive Care & Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling.

HHSC Response: The DPP BHS program year 2 measure specifications accurately reflect a change of measure steward for *Preventive Care & Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling*. The measure steward is now National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as reflected in the [2021 MIPS measure #431 specifications](#).

B2-150: Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment

2. One stakeholder commented that there was a change to the measure steward for B2-150: Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment.

HHSC Response: The DPP BHS program year 2 measure specifications accurately reflect a change of measure steward for *Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment*. The measure steward is now Mathematica as reflected in the [2022 eCQM measure specifications](#).

B2-151: Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment

3. One stakeholder commented that there was a change to the measure steward for B2-151: Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment.

HHSC Response: The DPP BHS program year 2 measure specifications accurately reflect a change of measure steward for *Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment*. The measure steward is now Mathematica as reflected in the [2022 eCQM measure specifications](#).

Reporting Requirements

4. One stakeholder requested specific dates for the proposed reporting periods.

HHSC Response: HHSC has not yet determined the exact reporting period dates for DPP BHS program year 2. Dates may also be impacted by timing of CMS approval. However, during Reporting Period 1 (tentatively planned for October 2022), providers will report progress on structure measures and data for outcome and process measures for January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. In Reporting Period 2 (tentatively planned for April 2023), providers will report progress on structure measures and data for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

General Comments

5. One stakeholder requested additional tools for providers to be able to track payments from MCOs.

HHSC Response: This feedback is not related to the quality component of DPP BHS. The comment has been forwarded to HHSC's Provider Finance Department (PFD) to address this request with the respondent. Please email Provider Finance at PFD_DPPBHS@hhs.texas.gov with additional questions regarding payments.