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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – PREVENTION AND WELLNESS FOR ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) September 23, 2022 [letter](#) describes the Quality Incentive Program (QIP). The purpose of this correspondence is to provide information for Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN) providers to voluntarily participate in the [QIP](#).

This letter contains the guidelines for the first phase of the Prevention and Wellness focus area within the QIP (Enclosure A), which specifically is designed to incentivize individual preventative health services in calendar year (CY) 2022.

Quality Measure and Desired Outcome

The desired outcome of this quality measure is for individuals who live in an ARFPSHN to receive timely primary care, dental care, and other ongoing preventative screenings at intervals recommended by the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (USPSTF). Through data voluntarily submitted to the Department by participating service providers, the Department will calculate the percentage of eligible individuals residing in an ARFPSHN who received these preventative health services within the recommended intervals during CY 2022.

Incentive Amounts

This quality measure has two possible incentives:

- 1) Incentive payment of \$5,000 for an ARFPSHN that reports required data for all individuals residing within that facility for six months or longer in CY 2022.
- 2) An additional incentive payment of \$1,000 when the ARFPSHN's reported data demonstrates all eligible individuals residing within that facility for six months or longer in CY 2022 received preventative health screenings at the intervals recommended by the USPSTF (see below) at rates that meet or exceed statewide pre-COVID levels based upon NCI measures.

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Preventative Health Screening	ARFPSHN Population	NCI Measure Pre-COVID	Recommended Service Interval
Physical exam with Primary Care Provider (PCP)	All adults ages 18 and older	85%	At least once per year
Dental exam or oral health screening	All adults ages 18 and older	80%	At least once per year
Pap smear	Women ages 21-65	48%	At least once in the past three years
Mammogram	Women ages 50-74	69%	At least once in the past two years
Colorectal screening via test or exam as indicated	All adults ages 45-75	42%	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stool-based test annually; • Flexible sigmoidoscopy within the past five years; or • Colonoscopy within the past ten years

Exclusion Criteria

In limited circumstances individuals residing in ARFPSHNs may be excluded from all or part of the incentive calculation:

- For individuals for whom the preventative health screening is contraindicated, the ARFPSHN service provider must provide physician documentation authorizing waiver of the specific screening measure and the alternate screening method conducted for that preventative health screening measure (if any), such as a physician-conducted breast exam in lieu of a mammogram in its QIP reporting.
- If an individual or their conservator or legal guardian declines a health screening, the ARFPSHN service provider must note the date of the declination in the individual’s record and on the QIP reporting form and the alternate screening method conducted for that preventative health screening measure (if any) on the QIP reporting form.

Required Reporting Criteria

By January 2023, ARFPSHN service providers will receive an email from the Department which will include access to an electronic reporting form. Those providers who wish to participate must submit to the Department the following information through the electronic form for each individual who lived in the ARFPSHN for at least six months in CY 2022:

- Vendor Name
- Vendor Number
- UCI Number
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Date of admission to ARFPSHN
- Date of most recent physical exam
- Date of most recent dental exam or oral health screening in past year
- Date of most recent pap smear (if applicable)
- Date of most recent mammogram (if applicable)
- Date of most recent colorectal screening (if applicable)
- Type of colorectal screening (if applicable)

Data Validation and Incentive Payment Processing

Reported data may be validated during regular Department or Regional Center monitoring visits at ARFPSHN facilities and through other means. After the data submitted by ARFPSHN service providers has been reviewed and validated, the Department will instruct regional centers to issue incentive payments, as appropriate, to each facility's licensee by June 30, 2023.

Eligibility for Incentive Payments

Licensed and certified ARFPSHN licensees in good standing are eligible for incentive payments. The ARFPSHN service provider's reporting pertains to individuals who have lived in the facility for at least six months.

Training and Information

The Department will schedule training webinars throughout Fall 2022 for regional centers and ARFPSHN service providers to include details of this measure, reporting requirements and logistics, and issuance of incentive payments. The Department encourages all ARFPSHN service providers, to include individual home Administrators, to attend these training sessions and participate in the QIP.

Details of incentive payments for subsequent phases of this measure will be provided in future directives from the Department.

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Regional centers must immediately disseminate this information to ARFPSHN service providers in their local communities. Questions regarding the QIP or incentive payments should be emailed QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov. Questions regarding ARFPSHN quality measures should be emailed to arfps hn.ghcshn@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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